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UJA Signs Pact For Chicago Campaign

First Program In Judaism Given Christian Teachers

CLEVELAND—A pioneering effort to provide teachers in Christian church schools with information about Judaism was launched this week by Rabbi Barnett M. Brickner of Cleveland's huge Euclid Avenue Temple.

Rabbi Brickner, who was among the first to start institutes on Judaism for Christian clergymen, explained that such institutes were excellent but that expansion of the work was needed. He said that most ministers have some familiarity with Judaism through their seminary training.

"It is, however, essential to reach down to the Sunday school teachers because the majority of them have had little, if any, orientation about the Jewish background of the subjects they teach," he said.

Some 400 teachers have made reservations for the first institute in Judaism for principals and teachers, who come into closest contact with children during their formative years.

The Cleveland Church Federation of Greater Cleveland, through its Religious Education Fellowship, readily accepted co-sponsorship of the institute with the first one slated for the Temple on Feb. 28.

The program calls for a demonstration worship service, a lecture by Rabbi Brickner on "The Holidays Jesus Observed," a question period, a tour of the Temple and religious school, a display of Holy Day exhibits and a recep-



RABBI B. M. BRICKNER
In the Beginning

Members of the Temple's religious school faculty, headed by Mrs. Sigmund Braverman, will be on hand to mingle with the visiting teachers.

Temple officials said they believed that for many of the teachers the Institute will be their first exposure to a Jewish worship service and the first formal lecture in their experience by a rabbi on the "Jewishness" of the life of Jesus.

Those working with Rabbi Brickner in the planning of the Institute include the Rev. Walter Daniels of the Cleveland Church Federation, William Hochman, president of the Religious Education Fellowship and Rabbi Samuel M. Silver of the Temple.

U. S. Orthodox Groups Deny Interference

NEW YORK—(WNS)—Denial that it was interfering in the internal affairs of Israel by demanding wider religious education in the immigration camps of the new state, was made here by the executive of the United Religious Bloc of America.

Cabling a reply to Israeli Premier David Ben Gurion, who last week rebuked the group over the religious issue, the religious body pointed out that it never intended threatening the Israeli Government but only to express the concern of religious Jewry over the religious conditions in the camps. The cable expressed recognition of the Premier's "serious approach to resolve satisfactorily the matter of religious discrimination against religious children in the schools." At the same time the organization also pointed out that it had always given expression of fullest support of the Jewish State and the United Jewish Appeal.

Hechalutz Asks Aid In Getting Farms

NEW YORK—The Hechalutz (Pioneers for Israel) Organization of America, opening its third annual convention here this week, issued a special appeal for the loan or lease of farm sites for the agricultural training of its members.

Hechalutz officials said that while the problem was not on the agenda, it was an important background factor in the three-day convention, which ends Saturday.

Officials said there was a growing lag between the number of applicants for agricultural training and the ability of Hechalutz to provide training sites. The backlog reportedly runs into several hundred.

A spokesman said that Hechalutz now maintains eight training farms in upper New York State, New Jersey, California and Canada.

MENUHIN PRODUCES

BRIGHTON, England—The Joint Palestine Appeal announced this week that a concert by Yehudi Menuhin here had raised about \$10,000 for the fund.

ZIONISTS SPARK TALKS TO AVERT DUAL DRIVES

National Jewish Post

CHICAGO—Agreement was reached this week on a pact between Chicago fund leaders and the United Jewish Appeal for a single unified drive this year.

The agreement ended a six months deadlock and the threat of a separate campaign by the United Jewish Appeal.

Chicago officials made a trip to New York to meet with UJA officials and sign the agreement Monday.

Those representing Chicago were Samuel Goldsmith, Jacob Arvey, leading Chicago Democratic figure, and Reuben L. Freeman, chairman of the 1950 Combined Jewish Appeal.

CRISIS BY SLASHES

The crisis had been provoked by a record of constantly greater slashes in annual allocations from the Chicago drive to the UJA.

The agreement reached this week gives the UJA 64 per cent of all money up to \$6,500,000 collected in the forthcoming drive. On sums above that figure, a graduated scale has been worked out.

The UJA also agreed to accept a shrinkage fund of five per cent, covering collections below the \$6,500,000 figure.

DRIVE STARTS SOON

The drive, which has been delayed during the long struggle, will get underway shortly. Local leaders said the machinery was ready but they had held up launching of the campaign because of the dispute.

Chicago Zionists, headed by President Max Bressler of the Chicago Zionist Organization of America district, were credited with furnishing the initiative that led to resumption of talks in recent weeks, ending in the peace settlement.

The dispute reached a critical point last November when top UJA officials came to Chicago to warn local fund leaders not to include the UJA in their fund promotion until an agreement could be reached on allocations.

Last week the Chicago Rabbinical Association issued an urgent appeal to leaders in both Chicago and the UJA, warning against a dual drive and offering the services of the rabbis in helping to achieve an agreement. (Details inside).

MONITOR HITS CHICAGO

Negotiations were started seri-

ously after the November warning and were on the verge of a breakdown several times. In January, Henry Montor talked to Chicago officials and said that the UJA would run a separate campaign to protect its interests to overseas commitments. (NJP Jan. 13).

The difficulty arose from 1949 allocations to the UJA of \$3,797,000, out of total collections of \$8,700,000. The 1948 drive raised \$11,000,000 and the UJA received \$7,400,000.

The UJA leaders at the November meeting said that not only did the UJA bear the total drop in 1949 funds but also were slashed an additional \$1,300,000.

They cited statistics to show that in the 1946-1947 drive, when a sum close to that of 1949 was raised, the UJA received 80 per cent. In 1949, the UJA was cut to 43 per cent.

Israel Reds Insist On Staying Arrested

TEL AVIV, Israel—The stepped-up drive of Israel's Communists to harass the government reached a new peak last week when they refused to leave the police station following arrest for a sit-down strike at the Jewish Agency office here.

They called the strike on grounds of alleged discrimination against them by the Jewish Agency.

Armed Arab Raiders Killed by Israeli

TEL AVIV, Israel—Police reported this week that 11 armed Arab marauders have been killed by police and troops during the past week.

Activities of such raiders have mounted in recent weeks. A gang of armed Arab robbers were intercepted on a raid near here.

U. S. TO TAKE PART IN FIRST ISRAEL OLYMPIC GAMES IN FALL

TEL AVIV—The United States will take part in the first all-Jewish Olympic Games in the brief history of Israel, it was announced this week.

The World Maccabi Union, sponsor of the tourney, said that 40 countries have been invited to send entries for the games which will run through Oct. 10.

The games will be held in a stadium, now under construction, which will be able to accommodate 80,000 spectators. It will be the biggest stadium in the Middle East.

Other countries accepting the invitation include Canada, Argentina, Austria, Eire, Great Britain, France, the Netherlands, India, Switzerland, South Africa, Uruguay, Tripoli and Tunisia.

'Sword' Closed When British Cops Say Can't Stop Fascist Attacks

LONDON—A British film licensing official said this week that the showing in a theater here of "Sword in the Desert" was cancelled when police officials announced they would not be able to protect film-goers from fascist attacks.

Subsequently, it was announced that the Hollywood-made movie will not be shown anywhere in Britain.

The report was made by Victor Mishcon, chairman of the Licensing Control Council, following outbreaks of violence created by members of the fascist Union movement at the New Gallery Cinema.

The film depicts the fight of the Jewish underground against the British Mandatory power in Palestine. It has been sharply criticized by British newspapers.

"Certain known fascist elements by organized hooliganism created a disturbance in the cinema," Mishcon said, according to the Jewish CHRONICLE of London. "The police were in attendance having been given admission by the licensees of the cinema and certain arrests were made."

Mishcon said he had hoped that the police would be able to protect the theater-goers but that the day after the arrests, Sir Frank Newsom, permanent secretary of the home office, put in an urgent call to the licensing council.

Mishcon said that Newsom reported that "information had come into the possession of the police that there might be serious outbreaks at the next performance of the film, that they were likely to be of a nature where there would be a grave risk of loss of life, that the police could not and would not be responsible for safeguarding the audience and that the Licensing Council must accordingly accept full responsibility for what might occur if action were not taken immediately by the Council as licensing authority under its Rules of Management." The official explained that one of the rules provides that no film can be shown which may lead to disorder.

"In the light of this urgent intimation by the Home Office, the Licensing Council had no alterna-

tive but immediately to safeguard the public by taking the action under the Rule of Management, and thereby calling on the licensees to cease exhibition of the film by reason of the threat of public disorder."

Mishcon said that the Licensing Council had not banned the showing of the film in London "because the Licensing Council will never permit hooliganism from whatever quarter it may come, to take the place of its censorship in obtaining withdrawal of films."

"If I may be permitted to say so," Mishcon added, "the film does appear to resurrect memories unpleasant to both sides, which I think His Majesty's Government and the Israel Government would much prefer to try to bury, in the mutual efforts which are being made for an understanding between them."

The film had been passed by the British Board of Film Censors as being suitable for public exhibition in England.

New York

ISRAEL HOPES TO MAKE ITSELF
IRRESISTIBLE TO U. S. JEWRY

By M. Z. FRANK

ELIEZER Liebenstein is a man of mystery. He is a leading member of Mapai (Israel's Labor party, to which belong David Ben-Gurion, Moshe Sharett, Dov Joseph, Eleizer Kaplan, David Remez) and yet he does not behave like one. He did not come to America on an assignment to tour the country for the Histadruth, or the United Jewish Appeal; he did not set up his headquarters at 45 East 17th Street; he did not call any press conferences; he did not visit the editorial offices of the Yiddish newspapers; he did not have a news item in the press about his arrival.

As far as I know, the only man to be informed in advance of his arrival was myself; Shimshon Oxman, New York correspondent of the magazine "Beterem," edited by Liebenstein, phoned me to let me know Liebenstein was coming. As a result there appeared in this space a note about his arrival.

The first American Jewish leader Liebenstein met on coming to New York was, as far as I know, Judge Joseph Proskauer, or somebody else of the American Jewish Committee, and the appointment was made by the Israeli Consulate. I hear some Yiddish journalists are pretty sore about it.

He traveled to Princeton but did not see Albert Einstein. Instead, he met Philip Hitti, the notorious Arab spokesman, and suggested that he come to deliver a lecture at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

HE HAS MET WITH the leaders of the Reconstructionists; he has been seeing a lot of the leaders of Hadassah; he addressed the students and teachers of the Jewish Theological Seminary and spoke at the Yeshiva University; he is scheduled to speak at Dropsie College in Philadelphia and at Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver's Temple in Cleveland on March 2; he met Silver once and came to Emanuel Neumann's lecture and spoke at the Manhattan Zionist region. He also saw Nahum Goldmann at least once and Dr. Israel Goldstein at least once and was invited to speak at his synagogue. I heard him deliver almost the same address twice, with opposite effects. When he spoke at the Manhattan Zionist region (in English), the listeners thought he was advocating a Zionist program for building up Jewish life in America, with occasional tours to Israel. When he delivered the same address (in Hebrew) at the Jewish Theological Seminary, the audience got the impression he was advocating the gradual evacuation of all American Jews to Israel.

The key to the mystery of his behavior may be found in the conversation I had with him in tel Aviv in April or May, 1948. Liebenstein told me then he was planning a visit to America that summer (1948). He told me he was not interested in going on a party mission or on any fund-raising campaign, and that he would like to explore those aspects of America and of American Jewry which most of his colleagues going to America have by-passed. He emphasized that he was particularly interested in meeting with cultural and intellectual leaders and institutions. I suggested that he let me know when he was coming so I could be of help. And so, when we met the first two appointments I made for him were with Moshe Davis of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and with David Petegorsky of the American Jewish Congress, and Mordecai Kossover of the



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American Jewish Committee.

NOW AS TO his views of Jewish emigration from America to Israel.

All Israeli want as many American Jews to come to Israel as possible. But some of them approach the matter in the same way as they did in Europe. They try to scold American Jews into coming, or they tell them that Hitler is around the corner and American Jews better go while the going is good. Other—and that goes not only for Liebenstein but also for Ben-Gurion's recent statements—think American Jews ought to be attracted to Israel. Come as tourists, come for a year, come to study, some of you might want to stay. They also realize that conditions have to be created in Israel itself that shall attract Americans and make their adjustment easier. They haven't begun to create those conditions but they are seriously thinking along those lines.

When Liebenstein spoke to the Manhattan region, he presented the pill so thickly wrapped in sugar plum that most of the audience did not notice the pill. When he spoke before an audience of Hebrew scholars, and spoke in his own language, he did it so brilliantly, so convincingly, with so much erudition, that the listeners could feel behind the silk glove of allurements the iron hand of Jewish history.

Liebenstein has now spent some weeks in America surveying the scene and is ready to summarize his impressions to the

Israel Rabbis Ban
Child Marriages

Jewish World News Service

JERUSALEM—A conference of all rabbis in Israel this week unanimously approved a resolution placing under excommunication any rabbi who performs a marriage ceremony for children under 16.

The conference also proclaimed as contrary to the Torah the polygamy of the Yemenite Jews and of other Jews from Arab countries.

Yemenite rabbis, including Chief Rabbi Ben Zion Uziel, attended the conference and accepted publicly the validity of the excommunication penalty.

American Jewish public.

THERE are many ways of working for Israel. Irving Norry of Rochester, a good Zionist, has been devoting most of his spare time to United Jewish Appeal work. Bob Lagunoff has turned down a lucrative proposition to give his full time to the Palestine Economic Corp. Both Irving and Bob were at one time active in various Israel endeavors, including the Zionist Organization of America, without asking or receiving much publicity.

Bob has just returned from a three-month stay in Israel. He came to the conclusion that the best way he can help build up the country is through the PEC, which he is going to help expand. Israel needs not only gift donations and relief for the inmates of the transit camps. It also needs solid economic investments to build up a healthy economy.

The whole country is not just one big transit camp. Out of some 350,000 new immigrants who came in to Israel since May 1948, the vast majority have found homes and jobs. But, what with the immigration proceeding at such fast rate, there is need for more homes and more jobs, besides better homes and better jobs. That requires capital profit-bearing investment and building and expansion of industry.

SOME CAPITAL in Israel is cooperative, that is, invested and controlled by workers (often called socialistic, but it is not state controlled). Some capital is privately owned and controlled. Under present conditions, there is a strong need for increasing the area of private capital in Israel. An establishment like the Palestine Economic Corp., which has been in existence for a whole generation and has established a solid business reputation, can not only help Israel's industry directly by investing more money itself, but can help indirectly by serving as an example for others and attract other private capital. The record of the PEC so far has been a good one; it has helped build the country and it has paid dividends. But its area of activity needs much expanding. So here is hoping Bob can do it.

From January through October, 270,000,000 kilowatt hours of electricity were consumed in Israel. In 1948 total consumption was 218,000,000.

I Think As I Please

A 100-YEAR-OLD ANSWER
TO FOES OF HEBREW EDUCATION

By CARL ALPERT

ONE still meets, occasionally, on a local Jewish Board of Education, those crusty old gentlemen who resist new-fangled ideas and insist that the sole purpose of a Hebrew school education is to teach the child how to read the Siddur. Conversational Hebrew is regarded by these as a waste of time, and many a Hebrew teacher has had to battle endlessly against such narrow interpretation of education.

I know of no more eloquent reply than that penned over one hundred years ago by Miss Grace Aguilar, the gifted English writer, in "The Spirit of Judaism." I found the book (first published in 1842) a charming, delightful and soothing contrast to the frequently disagreeable headlines in the Jewish press, and I therefore take the liberty of passing on, for your pleasure, too, some of Miss Aguilar's thoughts.

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of passing on, for your pleasure, too, some of Miss Aguilar's thoughts.

"WHY SHOULD HEBREW BE the only language which is never learnt grammatically?" she asks. "Hebrew is scarcely more difficult or complicated than English; but the latter is attained so gradually, we are so prepared for its grammar when we arrive at it, that we are never aware of the difficulties its acquirement presents to a foreigner; and in the same manner the difficulties of Hebrew would vanish, were the child equally prepared to encounter them."

Under the system then in use, she writes, children were asked merely to memorize portions of prayer, "which only succeed in divesting the sacred words from all holiness, and cause the prayer book to be regarded as a hated task . . ."

"Never may we hope for the perfect attainment of this ancient and glorious language, till the present system has given way to one more calculated to engage a child's fancy; till the prayer book is not the first which we place in an infant's hands; till other than words so sacred as prayer are the first we teach our children to repeat."

A CHILD learning French or Italian would not be handed volumes of Voltaire or Dante as soon as he had learned his letters, she continues, yet we expect Jewish children to master our greatest literature from the very beginning.

"We might as well expect that charging the memory with the Psalms will teach our children Hebrew, as the making them repeat Milton, as soon as they had learned their English letters, would teach them their native tongue. Gradually and pleasantly difficulties may be encountered and overcome singly; that, when they do approach the sacred volumes, it may be understood and enjoyed them, to find new pleasures, new truths in every page; and not to fling them aside with distaste and loathing, as soon as the chains of the school-room are broken and the young aspirants are set free."

The author, who died at the age of 31, has much more to say about the education of Jewish

children in this book. Children should be taught how to give freely and unselfishly, and she berates the parents thus: "The Hebrew, as the making them repeat Milton, as soon as they had learned their English letters, would teach them their native tongue. Gradually and pleasantly difficulties may be encountered and overcome singly; that, when they do approach the sacred volumes, it may be understood and enjoyed them, to find new pleasures, new truths in every page; and not to fling them aside with distaste and loathing, as soon as the chains of the school-room are broken and the young aspirants are set free."

Hers is inspired writing, marked by a pure faith seldom found in present day literature. It may prescribe for its therapeutic effect on the Jewish spirit in 1950.

RECONSTRUCTIONISTS OFFER
BASIC PROGRAM FOR U. S. JEWS

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—A comprehensive program for American Jewry, based on a system of organic Jewish communities and calling for a kindergarten-to-college supplementary Jewish school system, will be outlined by the Reconstructionist movement in its official organ Feb. 24, it was disclosed this week.

The program is based on a definition of Judaism "as the civilization of the Jewish people. 'People' is defined as 'a chain of generations united by a common history and culture the origin of which can be traced to life in a particular land.'"

ONE JOINT PEOPLE

Calling the rebirth of Israel "an event the full importance of which time alone can reveal," the program called for recognition of the thesis that "The Jews of Israel and of the Diaspora constitute one indivisible people, should be organized by their common participation in Judaism, their religious civilization."

Organic Jewish communities, based on the principles of voluntarism and unity in diversity, should be organized to handle all present functions now provided for by more than 100 separate Jewish organizations.

A "regimen" of Jewish habits for adults.

CHANGE NEEDED

"New forms of observance giving expression to newly felt needs should be introduced into the ritual of the synagogue and the home," according to the program.

"The Jewish community should endeavor to establish a complete system of Jewish education to supplement and parallel the general education which the child receives in the public school system," in addition to a widespread program of informal education

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AJ Committee Official Raps 'Pulpit Critics' Of 'Commentary'

National Jewish Post

BOSTON—The much-criticized publication policies of "Commentary" magazine were defended for the first time this week by a spokesman for the American Jewish Committee, sponsor of the magazine.

Herbert B. Ehrmann of Boston, a national vice-president of the AJ Committee vigorously defended the magazine and rapped "pulpit criticisms directed at pews," a reference to several recent sermons by rabbis about "Commentary."

The most notable of the criticisms was one made by Rabbi Milton Steinberg of Park Avenue Synagogue in New York in December. Rabbi Steinberg charged that the periodical had failed to portray the positive phases of the American Jewish scene, among other alleged sins.



STEINBERG

In a letter to the Boston Jewish ADVOCATE, Ehrmann said that in a few years, the magazine had won a place beside "such century old classics" as "Harper's" and "The Atlantic Monthly."

He contended also that "Commentary" is probably "the one magazine sponsored by a Jewish organization which is not merely a mouthpiece for the views of its sponsors."

"Its editorial policy has been so independent that

the letter department frequently contains bitter criticism of particular articles from officers and members of the American Jewish Committee which sponsors it," he said.

Ehrmann said it was to be expected that some rabbis also would differ with the magazine but that on the other hand it "has received the enthusiastic acclaim of such noted spiritual leaders as Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of Hebrew Union College; Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary; Rabbi Israel Tabak, president of the Rabbinical Council of America and Rabbi Leo Baeck."

Agreeing that nothing was above criticism, Ehrmann said he doubted "the constructive results of pulpit broadsides."

He said that such statements were frequently unchecked and asserted that a check "would have shown that many of the writers so deprecated as 'intellectuals' were in fact distinguished university professors and teachers and top-flight writers."

"Again, if the New York rabbi who started the criticism that 'Commentary' does not publish enough articles by rabbis—an observation one may well question—had communicated with the editors, he would never have been reminded that he, himself, had been asked to contribute an article and had

begged off on the ground of being 'too busy.'"

Ehrmann said that Steinberg also had charged that the delay in reviewing Dr. Mordecai Kaplan's latest work "was an indication that the editors had no appreciation of its importance."

"As a matter of fact, the delay was due to the fact that Dr. Kaplan himself preferred to wait until the book would be reviewed by a particular scholar. Thus irresponsibility frequently marks criticism by oratory."

The American Jewish Committee official suggested that the proper way to help editors improve their magazine is by letters to the staff.

"Pulpit criticisms directed at pews, however, can hardly result in anything constructive," Ehrmann commented. "Unless the congregants are themselves close readers of the magazine, they must accept as gospel the facts and emphasis given to them from the pulpit."

He said it would be "deplorable" if the "freedom of expression which has distinguished 'Commentary' were hampered by this kind of agitation or if public support for the best journalistic product in American Jewish life should be undermined in this fashion."

"I hope that these results are not intended by this unusual form of criticism," he concluded.

Chicago Rabbis Offer Services In Bid To End UJA Deadlock

CHICAGO—The Chicago Rabbinical Association stepped into the deadlocked United Jewish Appeal negotiations here this week with an offer of its services to help achieve a workable solution.

The association, representing the entire Reform and Conservative and part of the Orthodox rabbinate of Chicago, acted after UJA officials walked out of a meeting last week at which a committee from the Chicago Combined Jewish Appeal announced it had no authority to negotiate.

Background of the dispute was a record of constantly greater slashes in annual allocations from the Chicago drive to the United Jewish Appeal, which came to a boiling point last November. At that time, a delegation of top UJA officials told Chicago fund leaders not to use the UJA appeal in the 1950 drive until agreement was reached on allocations.

The Chicago Rabbinical Association sent its statement to A. G. Ballenger, president of the Jewish Federation of Chicago; Reuben L. Freeman, chairman of the 1950 Combined Jewish Appeal; Harris Perlstein, vice president of the Jewish Welfare Board of Chicago; Henry Monter, executive director of the UJA and Julian B. Venezky, chairman of the UJA national campaign cabinet.

The Chicago Rabbinical Association met to discuss the deadlock Feb. 8, "having heard with the deepest disappointment and concern the report of failure on the part of the Chicago Combined Jewish Appeal and the United Jewish Appeal to arrive at a satisfactory understanding for the 1950 campaign."

The statement said that the association was unanimous in complete disapproval of separate campaigns in Chicago, a threat which developed when Monter said last month that the UJA might be compelled to run its own drive this year in Chicago.

The rabbis said that both the UJA and the local welfare needs would suffer from such a dual campaign and that most of all, the unity of Chicago Jewry would be deeply affected.

"We are convinced that continued delay in arriving at an agreement will irreparably injure all concerned," the rabbinical statement read. "We therefore urge both parties to arrive at a settlement immediately. The Chicago Rabbinical Association stands ready to lend its assistance to effect an understanding."

Polish Reds Cut Emigration To Israel

Jewish World News Service
LONDON—The London press reported this week that the Polish government, under pressure from Jewish Communists, has decided to retard immigration of its Jewish nationals to Israel.

Only 975, instead of an expected 3,500, left Poland during January. Of the 55,000 Jews remaining in Poland, 28,000 registered for emigration. At the new reduced rate, only 11,000 will be able to leave before the August deadline on the present relaxation of bars to exodus.

Firing Of Top Congress Worker Submitted To Arbitration Rule

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—An American Jewish Congress spokesman this week denied CIO charges that a top staff worker was fired for union activity.

The Social Service Employees Union, United Office and Professional Workers of America, said that Bernard Harkavy, a Congress leader the union said was brought into the Congress staff four years ago at the urging of the late Dr. Stephen Wise, was fired.

The union said that the dismissal was an anti-union act, and carried out in collusion with the national CIO.

FIRST A PROMOTION

Harkavy was promoted a few months ago to his last position as director of the Business and Professional Associates of the Congress.

The union said it was challenging a Congress statement that Harkavy had been released in a re-organization. The union said that the Congress fired Harkavy, who is vice chairman of the Congress union chapter, as the climax of a lengthy campaign to "smash the union" in the Con-

Israel Press Slams New Austria Consul

TEL AVIV — Sharp protests were registered this week by the Israel press against the Government for permitting establishment of an Austrian consulate.

The Austrian Consul is Karl Hartl, who arrived with his family last week. Hartl has a long record of anti-Nazi activity.

\$750 In Awards Offered Jewish Writers

NEW YORK—The Jewish Book Council, sponsored by the Jewish Welfare Board, announced this week it would make two awards in 1950 for the top Jewish books of fiction and non-fiction.

The non-fiction award is \$500 and the fiction award is \$250. The awards will be given to authors of books published in 1949. Books must be published in the U.S. and written in English.

Grocer Uses Ad To Deny Selling Non-Kosher Meat

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—A Jewish Street, are sold as Kosher, but merchant who was accused by the local Vaad Hakashruth (supervisory body) of selling non-Kosher meats took space in the same paper last week to deny the charge.

Both advertisements appeared in the Jewish LEDGER of Rochester. The rebuttal advertisement bore a one-word headline in one-inch deep type: "REPLY."

Addressed to the Jewish public of Rochester, the advertisement, signed by Morris Berman said he was answering "the accusation by the committee of Vaad Haskashres and Rabbi Goldin, that meats sold by me, Morris Berman, in my grocery store at 1226 St. Paul

Street, are sold as Kosher, but that they do not bear the label or stamp, Kosher."

"Let it be known that I personally purchase all these meats EXCLUSIVELY from Bert I. Cohen's Meat Market, 491 Joseph Ave., as Kosher meats. Mr. Cohen fills my special orders and supplies me daily with cuts, such as steaks, chops, liver, etc., and the beef from which these cuts are taken are originally stamped and labeled Kosher, by the same board of Vaad Hakashres in Mr. Cohen's market."

The insertion added that "I have Mr. Cohen's sworn statement to this effect and anyone doubting this effect and anyone doubting the issue can call Mr. Cohen and he will verify same personally."

WASHINGTON—The presidents of the American Federation of Labor and of the CIO demanded of President Truman last week that the United States act either to stop British arms shipments to the Arab states or to permit Israel to buy arms freely for defense against the threat.

William Green of the AFL and Philip Murray of the CIO visited the President Friday and asked him to protest England's arm shipments to the Arab states, saying such arms would certainly be used in "a second war against the State of Israel."

They told the President such shipments had created a new military threat against a state "which is working more effectively than any other in the Middle East to bring its people higher standards of living, literacy, housing and health."

The two officials said that they

ARAB JUDGE NAMED

TEL AVIV—Israel's first Kadi (Moslem Religious Court Judge) has been appointed. He is Sheikh Tahere Tabari who was Kadi of Tiberias under the British Mandate and now lives in Nazareth.

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B'NAI B'RITH SPANKED FOR JOINING LEGION ANTI-RED MEET

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

THE B'nai B'rith gets spanked, the American Jewish Congress gets complimented, and the American Jewish Committee is praised in an editorial in the JOURNAL about the recent "All-American Conference" convoked by the American Legion.



SILVER

to combat Communism. "Some of the groups invited to this con-

ference were anti-Semitic," says the editor. Therefore, the Committee which at first accepted the invitation, then withdrew, leaving one observer, deserves credit. The B'nai B'rith stayed on. The Congress was not even invited, "which is the best indication of the kind of conference it was," says the JOURNAL, "Let this be a lesson to all responsible Jewish groups," the editor warns.

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At Last! A Minyan Of Solons In Washington

Give Rabbi Solomon Metz, of Washington, credit for accom-

plishing something so natural but so unusual that never before has it been done. The good rabbi and his congregation decided to confer honorary membership upon the Jews sitting in the U.S. House of Representatives. A thousand people came to the meeting at Congregation Adath Israel and witnessed one of the most unusual scenes in Jewish history.

With few exceptions, all Jewish congressmen, including Senator Herbert Lehman, attended the event and were invested with honorary affiliation in the Conservative shul. In an exciting write-up of the affair, the JOURNAL's M. Frank tells how Sen. Lehman arrived late after a long session of Congress, was greeted with loud applause, but first rushed over to kiss his wife who had made a special trip from his plea was realized. (There are

SYNAGOGUE MEMBER RUSHES INTO BURNING BUILDING TO RESCUE TORAH

NORTH HOLLYWOOD, Calif.—One of the founders of the Free Synagogue here was the first to notice a fire in the structure last week and rushed into the burning building for a dramatic rescue of the Torah.

Damage to the building was reported at \$20,000, according to Rabbi Franklin Cohn, the Valley Jewish NEWS reported. The rabbi's study, containing records of the congregation, was not burned but the synagogue building was virtually destroyed.

Milton Dorman called the fire department after dashing in to the flaming structure to rescue the Torah.

New York to be on hand.

In his address, 84-year old Cong. Adolf Sabbath of Illinois told the throng how he had long prayed for the time when there would be a minyan of Jewish congressmen in Washington and how happy he was that finally

just 10 Jewish Congressmen in the House of Representatives. Sabbath urged his listeners to cling more faithfully to their synagogue, as did Sen. Lehman in his talk.

All the congressmen and their wives, who were made honorary members of the Sisterhood, indicated their gratefulness for the honor bestowed, said they would try to attend services frequently. One of the high spots of the affair was the singing by Cantor Jacob Barkin. Stirred by the occasion, Cantor Barkin sang so well that Sen. Lehman offered to cancel his speaking time to allow for more music.

Why has this never happened before in Washington? Frank does not say so, but perhaps this is the first batch of Jewish congressmen ever to serve in the capitol who would respond to an invitation from a synagogue.

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Yiddish Is The Thing My Lad, In California

California continues to dazzle the FORWARD's correspondents. The most recent reporter to penetrate the Golden West and to send back exclamation-point dispatches is H. Gottesfeld, whose article is entitled "Men Red! Geshmak Yiddish in California" (People Speak Yiddish Excellently in California).

Wherever Gottesfeld went in California, he heard Yiddish: at meetings, receptions, even in his hotel lobby. On a visit to Will Durant's estate he did not expect to hear *mame loshen*. But, when Mrs. Durant let him in, she greeted him in fluent Yiddish. And when Durant, the non-Jewish philosophy popularizer, came out of his study, he hailed Gottesfeld with a "shalom aleichem." Durant is working on a book dealing with the Talmudic personalities, he told his guest. Mrs. Durant recounted that when they moved into their home, a neighbor called upon them and expressed pleasure that they had bought the place, "otherwise a Jew might have bought it." Whereupon Durant uttered a curt, "Good-bye."

Edward G. Robinson was the next celebrity Gottesfeld visited. And with Robinson the conversation was all in Yiddish.

Nazi Films Success In Arab Countries

MUNICH — (WNS) — Anti-Semitic films produced in Germany by the Nazis during the rule of Hitler are being shown with the greatest of success in a number of Arab countries, it was reported by the "Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung."

The paper disclosed that the Nazi films are shown to huge audiences in Cairo, Alexandria and other Egyptian cities. Particularly successful are the pictures "Jew Suess," "Grenadier Strasse" and "The Eternal Lie." Some of the films depict the Nazi victories in Europe and General Rommels drive on Lybia.

Ten tons of cauliflower are to be shipped to Sweden by the Israel Ministry of Agriculture following successful air shipments of tomatoes and cauliflower to England, Switzerland and Belgium in December.

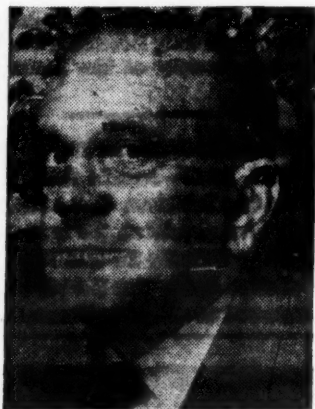
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FACTS REVEALED ON BROOKLYN HILLEL SUSPENSION

REPORT PENALTY SET SOLELY FOR STOPPAGE

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—Details covering the suspension of the Hillel Foundation at Brooklyn College and the action taken in the case by the national office of Hillel were obtained by The Post this week.

The Brooklyn chapter was suspended from June to October last year and the issue was made public by the American Jewish League Against Communism, which asked for an investigation.

Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld, national director of Hillel, replied to the League's request with a reply that its charges constituted "scurrilities." (NJP, Jan. 13).

NOT WHOLE STORY

According to the League, the Brooklyn chapter was suspended by the Faculty-Student committee on Student Activities together with 10 other campus groups which sponsored a class stoppage.

"This class stoppage was sponsored by several pro-Communist student societies in protest against the college administration's objection to the appearance on the campus of one of the 11 Communist defendants on trial at Foley Square," the League said in its letter to President Frank Goldman, president of B'nai B'rith, sponsor of the Hillel Foundation.

Documents made available to The Post indicated that:

1. The campus organizations which participated in the stoppages were non-Communist and two were actively anti-Communist.

2. The stoppage was not called against the college administration opposition to permitting Communist Henry Winston to speak on the campus, but against what the students regarded as violations of student democracy, censorship of the campus newspaper and of free speech.

3. The national office of Hillel was in close touch with the situation almost from the start.

4. The suspension of the Hillel chapter came at the close of the school year and could not be lifted during the summer vacation but was lifted on the first day of the new fall term.

5. No charge of Communism or pro-Communism was made at any time against the Hillel chapter by Brooklyn college officials.

THEY ARE ADULTS

The position of the national office, The POST learned, was that it considers Hillel members adults who have the right to express opinions and exercise their democratic privileges.

The reason for official Hillel silence on its side of the story, The Post was informed, was that national officials of Hillel and of B'nai B'rith favored treating the charges made by the League with "silent contempt."

The issues developed from the suspension of the Karl Marx Society, a Brooklyn campus group which has no relation to Hillel, last April, for holding an off-campus meeting not approved by

the Faculty-Student Committee. Winston was the speaker at the meeting.

NO HILLEL MEMBERS

At the end of April, three students, none of them members of Hillel, were suspended for refusing to end their talks at unauthorized meetings called to protest suspension of the Karl Marx Society.

On April 7, a Hillel Foundation committee sent a letter to College officials, urging reinstatement of the Karl Marx group. A week later, a general Hillel membership meeting voted that the Foundation could take no stand on the suspensions.

In May, the Student Council of the Hillel chapter met to discuss participation in a class stoppage proposed by the general student body to protest alleged violations of student rights by the college administration.

Of the 14 members of the Student Council present, nine voted for participating, three were opposed and two abstained. As a result, the Hillel Student Council and 10 other groups joined in the class stoppage on May 20.

NATIONAL OFFICE, TOO

Discussions were held between officers of the Student Council and officials of the national office, including Rabbi Lelyveld.

On May 23, Dr. A. L. Sachar, national Hillel chairman; Joseph Paradise, national treasurer, and Rabbi Lelyveld, met with President Harry Gideonson of Brooklyn College, President Harry Wright of the City College of New York, and President George N. Shuster of Hunter College.

Topic of the meeting was a general discussion of the issues raised by the class stoppage and the resulting suspensions.

Informal discussions followed formal notice of the suspension of the Hillel chapter for joining the stoppage, on June 8. College officials said in the talks that they did not see any reason why the Hillel chapter could not be reinstated but that since it was the end of the school year, the Faculty-Student Committee would not be meeting again until the fall and the suspension could not be officially lifted until then.

The chapter was immediately reinstated when the Faculty-Student Committee met on the first day of school, Sept. 26.

Invitations From Jewish Groups to Non-Jews Hit by Rabbi as Threat To U.S. Jewish Life

National Jewish Post

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—Rabbi Harry Essrig of Congregation Emanuel here said this week that if the "pernicious habit" of U.S. Jewish organizations in inviting non-Jews as speakers continued, there was a danger that Jewish lecturers and artists would eventually be driven entirely from Jewish forums.

Writing in the current bulletin of his congregation, Rabbi Essrig said that Jewish organizations still do not conduct themselves "with sufficient dignity and respect."

He said the practice had become widespread among religious as well as secular organizations and had become typical of all branches of Judaism.

The rabbi emphasized that he was not opposed to non-Jewish speakers as such, explaining that there were many non-Jewish intellectual leaders and experts who had something to contribute to Jewish groups and should be welcome.

"But for the life of me I cannot understand why national organizations must depend on celebrities in order to entice their constituencies or why local groups, who are assured of their membership's response, must provide a platform for Jew-loving orators to repeat their banalities."



ESSRIG

Reminding his congregation that he was "not a narrow Jewish chauvinist, as all of you no doubt know," the Reform rabbi said that "I just cannot stomach our failure to make the most of our opportunities to educate our people. If we do not provide a forum for Jewish artists and speakers, then who will? And why should we pay money to have non-Jewish orators tell us what nice people we are?"

Citing among his examples, David Lilienthal, Rabbi Essrig asked, "What place does he, a non-professing Jew and hardly involved in our spiritual dilemmas, have at the celebration of a Temple anniversary? Such incidents could be multiplied ad infinitum to show where American Jewry is heading."

He warned that U.S. Jewish organizations "will gradually read themselves out of existence unless they start respecting the men of talent in our own ranks, unless they encourage the artists and authors in our midst by giving them a platform as well as financial assistance, unless they indicate that they have a specific function to play in our lives."

"Should this pernicious habit continue to prevail, there is great danger that it will drive away Jewish lecturers and artists from our forums and leave the task of stimulating Jewish life in the hands of non-Jewish politicians, professional friends of the Jews and those who have but a superficial acquaintance with our problems and way of life," Rabbi Essrig said.

Israel Has 6,000 Roman Catholics

TEL AVIV—Israel's Christian population now numbers 50,000, compared to 32,000 who resided there in November, 1948.

Of the total, 20,000 are Greek Catholics; 15,000, Greek Ortho-

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Names In The News

MAURICE SAMUEL ENDS SILENCE ON PARTIES, RAPS GENERAL ZIONISM

IN HIS first statement on party Zionist issues since joining the U.S. Labor Zionists, famed Jewish literary light MAURICE SAMUEL this week expressed the "deep hope" that the time would come soon when "General Zionism will again incorporate a majority outlook unmistakably identifiable with the social principles of Labor Zionism." He said that when such a time came, it would "indicate that the hundreds of thousands of new Zionists have made contact with those deep principles — beyond rescue work, beyond imitative nationalism—which issuing from Judaism are the distinguishing moral and social characteristics of Zionism, as such." In a statement urging U.S. Jews to buy a Labor Zionist Shovel for the forthcoming World Zionist Congress, Samuel explained he was doing so because that time was not in sight.



SAMUEL

The Revised View

Two Conservative rabbis, speaking independently, agreed that the widely-held notion that American Jews are uniquely ignorant of Jewish lore is far from accurate. In Cincinnati, noted scholar SOLOMON GOLDMAN of Chicago said "we do the American Jew a great hurt when we accuse him of special Jewish ignorance" and said that never did a Jewish community develop so quickly and so well in every respect, as did American Jewry. Rabbi WILLIAM GREENFELD of Indianapolis was somewhat less charitable in his comment. The Indianapolis rabbi said that there never has been a time in Jewish history when the situation was anything else but a handful of learned scholars and laymen and a more or less ignorant Jewish masses, and that he doubt American Jewry was more ignorant Jewishly than the rank and file of any Jewry, including Babylonia and the Golden Age of Spain.

The Freudian Jew

Disclosure that SIGMUND FREUD, father of psychoanalysis, was deeply regretful over attacking the Jewishness of Moses in his last book, "Moses and Monotheism," emerged from a report by Alfred Werner. Writing in the current "Brooklyn Jewish Center Review," Werner said that Freud was 'aware that most

scholars disagreed with his thesis that Moses was an Egyptian but would not admit that the theory was invalid. However, Werner reported, Freud "admitted he had issued the volume at the most inappropriate moment, when his fellow Jews, persecuted by the Hitlerites as they were, were more sensitive than ever before." Werner quoted the famous scholar as saying to Stefan Zweig that "now that everything is being taken from them, I had to go and take their best man." Werner agreed that Freud was a victim of Jewish self-hatred but disagreed that Freud ever denied his Jewishness. He quoted Freud in a description of his identification with Jewish peoplehood as made up of "many dark emotional forces, all the more potent for being so hard to grasp in words, as well as the clear consciousness of an inner identity, the intimacy that comes from the same psychic structure."

The Forthright Stand

Never one to duck an issue, Rabbi ALBERT I. GORDON has proposed equality of the sexes from the point of view of fact as well as in theory within Jewish ritual and practice. Rabbi Gordon, back in the pulpit after some arduous labor as executive director of the United Synagogue of America, told his new congregation of Temple Emanuel in Newton Center, Mass., that by Jewish law a Jewish woman, no matter how high her cultural and religious standards, could not be a member of a minyan or be called to the Torah for an Aliyah. The Jewish Times of Boston quoted him as saying that in accordance with the modern concept of the equality of the sexes, it was necessary for Conservative Judaism to correct such shortcomings in Jewish law and give the Jewish woman full equality in her relationship to the synagogue and its ritual.



GORDON

The Neat Thrust

Pondering on the issues evoked by the editorial philosophy of "Commentary" magazine, Rabbi IRVING A. MANDEL of Temple Israel of Boston decided that the American Jewish Committee-sponsored publication had attracted and welcomed a group of second-generation, Jewish-born intellectuals, who have become dis-

Radio Roundup

The Post will present here weekly a summary of nationally-broadcast radio programs of interest to Jewish listeners. No responsibility is assumed by The Post for last minute change by radio networks.

SUNDAY, Feb. 19—In commemoration of Lincoln's Birthday, "The White Circus Horse," by Morton Wishengrad, on the "Eternal Light" program, 12:30 p.m. EST, NBC.

SUNDAY, Feb. 19—Dr. Robert Gordis, noted Conservative rabbinical leader, speaking on "The Jewish Attitude Toward Missionaries," third of a series on the "Message of Israel" 10 a.m. EST, ABC.

enchanted with Marxism and turned a literary but un-Jewish eye on Jewishness. Said Rabbi Mandel in a recent sermon "the younger writers about whom I am speaking have made of their point of view in Judaism a fad. Apparently Marxism, the intellectual mah-jong of the thirties, has been replaced by Judaism, the canasta-cultism of the forties" for such bright young men.

The Forthright Reply

Latest of leading U.S. non-Jews to take a stand on the issue of dual loyalties charged by the American Council for Judaism against U. S. Jewish supporters of Israel is ALBEN BARKLEY, U. S. vice president. Speaking in St. Louis, he denounced the charge as nonsense. A footnote to the Veep's stand was reported later in Indianapolis by MELVIN DUBINSKY, St. Louis United Jewish Appeal leader. Dubinsky said the Veep was asked about the charge and replied that the U. S. Government evidently was disloyal to itself when it granted the \$100,000,000 loan to help Israel.



DUBINSKY

With the Rabbis

APPOINTMENTS — Rabbi MORRIS BERGER of Cleveland has been elected assistant rabbi of Congregation Tikvas Israel in Boston.

INSTALLATIONS — Rabbi WILLIAM SPIGELMAN will be installed Sunday as spiritual leader of the Rodef Shalom-Etz Chayim Congregation in Los Angeles.

Everett Jewry installed Rabbi DAVID H. WEISENBERG as spiritual leader last week of the Jewish Community Center.

BIRTHS—Rabbi and Mrs. MARTIN ZION of Great Neck, N.Y. a daughter.

Report From Hollywood

HOLLYWOOD ZIONISTS VERY COOL TO "SWORD IN THE DESERT"

By SIMON WINCEMBERG

NOW that quite a number of serious Israel-Hollywood film projects seem pretty solidly under way, a backward glance at "Sword in the Desert," the maiden effort along these lines, seems to elicit a fairly unanimous expression of distaste among Zionist-minded film people, who half a year ago still thought it pretty wonderful to see Stephen McNally shepherding an operation of Aliyah Bet.

More surprising, though, is the perfectly bland way in which Israeli magazines have helped in hooping up a picture, which reduced Israel's resistance to English occupation pretty much to "Terry and the Pirates" terms.

How effectively the Israeli mind had been saturated by advance ballyhoo for this epic is evidenced by a picture of Marta Toren on the back page of a recent issue of "Kolnoa" an all-Hebrew fan magazine. The caption under each picture on the back page usually includes the four or five names of readers who had requested the picture. There was no room for any list of names under Miss Toren's picture, however. Some 150 readers had asked for it, and that certainly rates someone in Universal's Tel Aviv office an "A" for accomplishment.



Wincelberg

"KOLNOA" DID, HOWEVER, WITHOUT any hints of condemnation that I could detect, print quotations from the British press reaction to the picture. Roughly retranslated into English, the Daily GRAPHIC considers it a "degradation of Britain." The NEWS CHRONICLE observes that "Sword" differs from war-time anti-Nazi films only in that it depicted the British as good-natured morons, while the Nazis, on the other hand, were represented as brutal morons. A bit of a left-handed compliment, that, one must admit.

Main objection in the English press, though, seemed to be the way English military activity was shown as being rather on the careless and ineffective side. England, apparently, has no objection to being cast as the villain, provided you don't let some of these other dark-skinned beggars who might see the picture get the idea that there may be something they can do about it.

AN ORGANIZATION called "Hollywood Producers and Distributors" has asked the Los Angeles office of the Council of Jewish Women to give them the names and addresses of some girls who had survived concentration camps, and had enough stage-presence to tell theater audiences something about it. The girl or girls to be selected on the basis of an audition, would, after a bit of coaching, appear on theatre stages in conjunction with the showing of "The Nuernberg Trials."

The release of "Trials" to the American public, which, if I recall correctly, has been preceded by considerable controversy, will, according to H. P. & D's Richard Crane, be road-showed under their own supervision, strictly as a commercial enterprise.

On the same program with "The Nuernberg Trials," will be shown a feature made up of captured nazi films, and entitled "Will it Happen Again?" which is to give the show a balanced Crime and Punishment sort of theme.

Ask The Post

This column will be a miscellany of items made up mostly of requests for information from readers. Letters should be addressed to "Ask The Post," NATIONAL JEWISH POST, to any of our three offices, Indianapolis, St. Louis, or Louisville.

Gentlemen:

I am a young girl past 17 and I would like very much to be a counselor or junior counselor this summer at a Jewish camp. I am hoping you know of several Jewish camps which are on the lookout for counselors and could send me the addresses of these camps.

I have had nine years camping experience including such camps as Hacshara, and Hatzofeh. I am an all-A honor student at Fletcher High school, treasurer of my class and winner of several essay contests and two talent shows for which I played the piano.

As I would definitely like to earn some money this summer for college I will be very thankful for all your assistance.

JUDY NAFTALIN
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Gentlemen:

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Women's Viewpoint

WHEN THE RABBIS CAN'T AGREE ON JEWISH LAW ISSUES, THEN WHAT?

By HELEN COHEN

WHEN the Orthodox Rabbis, in calling down Rabbi Goldman, accused him of "confusing lore for law and custom for commandment," you noticed that I hastened to request a little more light on the subject. I—and I'm sure many others—would appreciate knowing the "relative importance" of our many ritual practices. In particular I mentioned three practices which continue to play a part in present-day Jewish life—separation of the sexes in the synagogue, tearing of clothing during mourning and separation of meat and milk foods.

Two answering letters—from Rabbi David Massis of Congregation Aetz Chayim in Danville, Va., and Rabbi Samuel J. B. Wolk of Brooklyn—should be noted. Of the two, at least Rabbi Massis attempts to provide an answer to my questions. Rabbi Wolk, on the other hand, spent two typewritten pages telling me how completely unqualified I am to discuss the subject.

Rabbi Massis reminds me of the fact that there was an Oral Law which co-existed with the Written Law and was equally binding, and that the separation of the sexes in the synagogue is included in the oral law. He writes:

"The separation of men and women in the seating arrangements is a hallowed practice, based on the concept that the Synagogue is a replica in miniature of the Holy Temple. In the Temple, a special section existed for the women worshippers. Mainmonides (in his Laws of the Temple, Law 5) speaks of this 'Ezras Moshim,' or women's section. Since the destruction of the Temple, we have tried to be guided by this concept in evolving the form of worship to be followed in the 'Miniature Temples' or synagogues. It should also be remembered that Jewish Law gives legal validity and makes binding Jewish Practice that has become sanctified through the course of the long years."

IN ANSWER TO RABBI MASSIS, I quote from Rabbi Joseph Shubow (Boston) in his review of the late Rabbi Louis M. Epstein's "Sex Laws and Customs in Judaism." The review appeared in the June 30, 1949 issue of the Boston Jewish ADVOCATE.

Rabbi Shubow wrote:

"In the First Temple there was no special separation of the sexes at worship; in the Second there was the 'Ezra' (Nashim) or the Women's Court, but it was used for worship for men and women; there was no intention of separating men and women at worship, except at the festival celebration of drawing water on Sukkoth, when there was considerable hilarity. There is no further discussion of separation of the sexes except for sectarian purposes, when the 'Therapeutae,' described by Philo as living and worshipping separately from the women. The Christian Church in the Orient adopted the same practice, but it did not stem from Judaism. (page 60). Also throughout the entire Talmudic and Gaonic period, Dr. Epstein reports there was no distinction, and women came to the synagogue without restriction. Only during holidays, when large crowds came, was there a slight demarcation set up. Separation definitely appeared in post-gaonic times. Rabbi Solomon B. Adret (13th century) reports a section of the synagogue in Spain was set apart for the women; similarly in Germany the practice developed; at first there was a curtain, then a railing and finally a gallery. Rabbi Epstein makes a very pertinent observation: 'Though originally the Synagogue afforded more freedom for the mingling of the sexes than was permitted in secular assemblies, in our century, the Synagogue, on the contrary, retains the restrictions against the free mingling of men and women, while all other restrictions have broken down in Jewish social life...'

In other words, the separation of the sexes during worship, instead of stemming from the days of the Temple, could not inaccurately be described as a practice which gradually arose in the medieval ghettos of Europe hundreds of years after the Temple's destruction.

19 U.S. Chalutzim Sail For Israel

HOBOKEN, N. J.—Nineteen members of Hahonim, the Labor Zionist Youth Organization, sailed for Israel last week, after completing hachshara (collective training) at centers in Cream Ridge, N. J. and Smithville, Canada.

The group was made up of U.S.

and Canadian citizens, 12 men and seven women, between the ages of 19 and 21. They will spend their first year in Israel at an established settlement, before starting one of their own, according to Jerry Malamud, 20, of Detroit.

If It's Vital, It's In

The National Jewish Post

YOUR NAME

Conducted By
N. Pearlroth

Want to know what your name means? Address your question to Mr. Pearlroth, National Jewish Post.

Gruber Shufler

Joseph Leon Gruber, 86 E. 4th St., New York, writes:

I would appreciate it if you would give me the meaning of my name.

Gruber is a family name of geographical origin. There are in Austria and Germany about 50 different localities named Grube or Gruber, any one of which might be the source of the name. When Jews were obliged to adopt

permanent family names, they often chose names of localities. It was not the locality, however, in which they happened to reside, but one from which their ancestors had originally come. Gruber is also a non-Jewish family name. When borne by a non-Jew, its meaning is "grave-digger."

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Mrs. I. Shufler, 5183 A. Kensington Ave., St. Louis, Mo., writes:

I would like to know the origin and meaning of my husband's name, Shufler.

Shufler is a German word, meaning a bird known in English as "the spoonbill," a white heron with a shovel-like bill. This bird was a favorite business emblem in Central Europe. Quite likely, your ancestor took his name from the painted sign over his business establishment. Another possibility is that it was originally a nickname which later became a family name.

Join the fun. Find out what YOUR name means. It does have a meaning and you can find out simply by writing to Mr. Pearlroth, care of The Post.

Tel Aviv Rejects Ban On British Streets

TEL AVIV—The municipality of Tel Aviv last week rejected a proposal from an extreme right wing member of the city council to abolish all British street names.

Three of the main streets will continue to be known as King George the Fifth, Allenby and Herbert Samuel Street.

What Foods These Morsels Be

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ANOTHER ebook book is in the making. According to the "Council Woman," organ of the National Council of Jewish Women, the Evening Branch members of the San Francisco section are in the midst of compiling one, slated for spring publication, entitled, "San Francisco Knows How to Cook."

IN THE HOPE OF SALVAGING Jewish observances, Rabbi Max Weiner of Camden, N. J., included the subject of kashrut in his article, "Jewish Law and Jewish Life," in the "Reconstructionist" magazine of Jan. 13.

And one of his suggestions on kashrut was to emphasize the positive instead of the restrictions and "don'ts." One way: "The preparation of characteristically Jewish dishes and the association of such dishes, wherever possible, with Jewish holidays and other occasions."

With this as an introduction we begin with ideas to help make Purim celebration. This week we take up the subject of Teiglech, a tradition dish connected with this holiday.

TEIGLECH

2 cups flour	1/2 lb. honey
1/2 tsp. baking powder	1/2 cup sugar
2 eggs	1/2 lb. or more chopped nuts
2 tbsps. oil	ginger

Number 1

Mix flour, baking powder, eggs and oil, and knead until dough is smooth. Form into a roll 1/2 inch thick, and slice into 1/2-inch pieces. Bring honey and sugar to a boil, add pieces of dough, and remove to oven pre-heated to 375 degrees. Let cook without stirring until dough is well puffed out and just beginning to brown. Add chopped nuts, and let cook, stirring occasionally with a wooden spoon, until dough is browned. Remove from oven, turn onto a wet board, and let cool slightly. Pat out flat with hands moistened with cold water. Sprinkle with ginger, chill in refrigerator, and cut in squares.

Number 2

Follow directions in preceding recipe, but with the following differences: After slicing the roll of dough into 1/2-inch pieces, place the pieces on a greased baking sheet, half an inch apart, and bake in oven at 350 degrees until light brown. Bring honey and sugar to a boil, add chopped nuts, and mix well. Add baked pieces of dough, and let cook on top of stove until browned, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon. Remove from fire, and pat out, chill and cut as in preceding recipe.

Instead of forming the dough into a roll and slicing it, roll the dough out 1/4-inch thick with a rolling pin, and cut it into 1-inch squares, if desired. Bake the squares as in preceding paragraph, cook them in the honey-sugar-nut mixture, then separate them, place on a wet board, sprinkle with ginger, and chill.

3-Year Hebrew Base Set For Bar Mitzvah

NATIONAL JEWISH POST
CHICAGO—Parents in the congregation of Temple Beth Israel here were informed this week that "three years of Hebrew is a pre-requisite for any bar mitzvah."

A statement in the current bulletin of the Temple also noted that "regular attendance of Sabbath morning services is expected for the three years preceding bar mitzvah and this rule will be strictly enforced during the last year before the bar mitzvah date."

Israel Farm Folk Total 23 Per Cent

NEW YORK—The Palestine Foundation Fund reported this week that 8,500 more Jewish families have become farmers in the past year, bringing the farm population of Israel up to 23 per cent.

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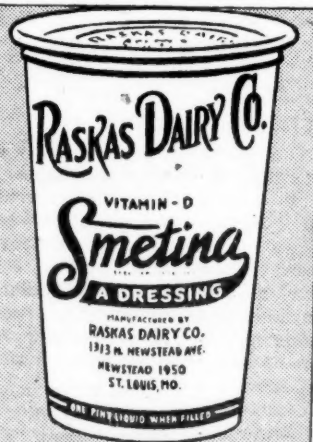


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Here's A Chance For You!

THE Hechalutz Organization of America, which is the association of volunteer pioneers to Israel, has issued an appeal for farm sites adaptable for agricultural training. The POST would consider it an indication of the understanding it has sought to build through its support of the chalutzit program if a reader or readers of this paper were to make available some of their property for this purpose. The farms may be loaned to Hechalutz or that organization will lease them.

The need for additional farms comes as a result, we are told, of the growing number of U. S. Jewish applicants who want to emigrate to Israel who, because of lack of space, cannot be accommodated on the eight farms now operated throughout the United States and Canada by Hechalutz.

This is good news to those of us who have compared pioneering in Israel with the highest fulfillment of sacrificial living and the past expression of American democracy. There are evidently many young American Jews who are willing to make a personal contribution to Israel, recognizing full well the hardships and

deprivations they may encounter, but believing too that the rewards of self-fulfillment and working for an ideal are more than compensation for the leisure and the financial opportunities they are giving up.

The convention of Hechalutz this weekend in New York will discuss the need for expanding the facilities of the organization. It is hoped that by then The POST will have received responses to this editorial and that the delegates in New York can be apprized of the good news while in session.

Unquestionably there are POST readers who have just the kind of property needed by this band of young pioneers who see an opportunity to play their part in history and the true fruition of their love for democracy in doing what they can to help build a new nation founded on concepts of justice and righteousness.

Well, POST readers, what do you say? These young people are making the sacrifice. Will you share in it by making available farm land for them?

Not Jewish-Sponsored Brotherhood

It is beginning to look as if sanity is returning to the Jewish group in its outlook on Brotherhood Week in particular and on the idea of public expressions of brotherhood in general.

For too many years, the brotherhood projects have been Jewish-sponsored and Jewish-initiated, and what is worse, paid for by Jews.

The futility of this kind of brotherhood should have been clearly understood but at that time, the entire Jewish conception of good relations with non-Jews was for the Jews to be as obsequious, as little seen and as "good" as possible. What's more, some of our national Jewish organization were sponsors of this kind of "brotherhood."

As a result, there was a natural alienation and Jews began to lose interest in brotherhood, especially in view of the horrors of Hitlerism. While that tragedy was in no way involved in

the issue of brotherhood in America, it did starkly show the futility of surface affection.

Now Jews are responding to brotherhood appeals only when the non-Jews of the community show an equal interest in the observance. Many rabbis are reporting that for the first time, they are being asked to participate in joint brotherhood services, whereas in former years, brotherhood consisted of the rabbi asking the minister to occupy his pulpit, and the interchange ended there.

Perhaps this Jewish self-respect has opened the eyes of our non-Jewish neighbors.

Most certainly all Jews are solidly for the concept of brotherhood, a concept developed and propagated by Jews for all humanity.

But brotherhood must be a two-way street in order to mean anything, and the initiative must be on the side of the non-Jewish majority.

Israel Close Its Doors?

Some Anglo-Jewish papers featured headlines last week declaring that immigration into Israel would be curbed.

Even though the report seems to have emanated from the Jewish Agency, it is predicated by an "if," and falls into the nature of campaign technique.

That some newspapers would print the news as if there were any chance at all that the Jewish State would say to other Jews "don't come now, we'll let you know when," is understandable. Still, fundamentally the Government would probably give Israel back to the Arabs as quickly as it would stop immigration, now or later, for any reason, financial or otherwise.

The Agency might suspect that it could pry

loose more dollars from American Jews by this scare technique, but we don't like it even on that basis.

The Jewish CHRONICLE of Detroit, which some months ago attacked the idea of a chalutz movement from the U. S., even went so far as to urge stopping immigration.

There is no way, outside of loss of sanity, that Israel could change its immigration policy.

Israel is Israel only because of one reason, to provide a home for every Jew who wants to go there. Closing the doors might mean death sentences for some Jews. But even were this not simple reality, a people does not wait 2,000 years to return to its home and then hold anyone out, for 24 hours or even one hour.

Current Comment

Any person who accuses a Jewish supporter of Israel of dual allegiance, whether the accuser is Jew or Gentile, is a liar, says Max Lerner, at American Jewish Congress meeting—When anybody talks to me about dual allegiance, I say, "There used to be a time when an anti-Semite saw a Jew on the street, he would point to him and say, 'There goes a man without a country,' because they used to accuse us then of being clannish, of not having a country, of being uprooted, of being a wandering Jew. Today, when that same anti-Semite sees the same Jew walking on the street, what does he say? He says, 'There goes a man with two countries.'"

If I had to make a choice between being a man without a country and being a man with two countries, I know what choice I would make. But that is not the choice. It is a lie. When it comes to allegiance, there is only one allegiance that we have, and that is to America and its democracy. Anybody who says differently is a liar, whether he be a Jew or a Christian.

But I am not only an American I am a human being and I have ties to other human beings who have suffered some of these things that I now understand to have been part of me, I am part of a moral community of Jews

all over the world. I have now understood, with my expensive education, that wherever Jews are tortured something in me is tortured, wherever Jewish children are torn away from their families my children are torn away from me, wherever Jews are discriminated against I am discriminated against, wherever Jews wander about homeless I wander about homeless, wherever Jews die I die, and wherever Jews triumph something in me triumphs.

And when they tell me that I ought to be a split personality because of dual allegiance I answer them, "For the first time in my life I feel fulfilled, as a personality, because for the first time in my life I feel that I can be fully an American and fully a Jew."

The new pride that I have in being a complete personality makes me, I think, a better fighter in America for democratic causes, because I have come to understand the true inwardness of what anti-democratic movements mean. I now understand that they are not just jokes. They are a grim thing that ends in the furnaces of Auschwitz and Dachau. We have come to understand what the meaning of racism is. We know that racism ends in death. We know that racism ends in charred bodies.

THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

THE REMARKABLE developments at the meeting last Sunday of the National Administrative Council of the Zionist Organization of America have great import for American and World Zionism in that they may mark a turning point in the Zionist career of Dr. Abba Hillel Silver.

There is no questioning the fact that Dr. Silver (and his two cohorts, Dr. Emanuel Neumann and Jacques Torczyner) suffered a grave reversal.

The word went around New York that opponents of President Daniel Frisch were out to get him, but good. The POST had reported the growing coolness between Mr. Frisch and Drs. Silver and Neumann. In fact, although they endorsed Mr. Frisch's candidacy finally for the presidency of the ZOA last year, they did so only when their hand was forced. You may recall the report in the POST on the secret meeting in New York several months before the ZOA convention, attended by Mr. Torczyner and Dr. Neumann, at which plans were laid to thwart Mr. Frisch's drive for the presidency.

Be that as it may, at the Manhattan Zionist Region \$100 dinner for Dr. Silver commemorating the United Nations partition decision, both Mr. Torczyner and Dr. Silver took unveiled pot shots at Mr. Frisch and his program. The POST reported this unfriendliness.

According to my best information the Frisch forces made no advance preparation before the meeting of the ZOA Administrative Council, although they had been advised, as I related above, that the first open and concerted attack on Mr. Frisch was going to take place.

One of the most astute politicians in the Zionist organization told me that the reaction to Dr. Neumann's bitter condemnation of Frisch at the Sunday meeting was entirely spontaneous. Seven or eight Zionists from all parts of the country rose to throw the charges back at Dr. Neumann that Mr. Frisch was ignoring the two past ZOA presidents.

A close personal friend of Mr. Frisch had told me that he drafted a letter to Dr. Silver following Mr. Frisch's election, in which Mr. Frisch frankly told Dr. Silver that he intended to be president in fact as well as in name, and that while he wanted Dr. Silver's cooperation, he would not tolerate interference. Although I had no reason to doubt this story, I couldn't really bring myself around to believing it and of course even today, I don't know how authentic it is.

In checking with another member of the Administrative Council, I learned that the rebukes to Dr. Neumann were planned, but not until Sunday morning. Those who did rise to defend Mr. Frisch were doing so by prearrangement. That sounds more like the kind of planning Mr. Frisch has so far displayed himself capable of in political maneuvering.

But you can take either version.

Dr. Silver's speech was clever and not unfriendly, although he took issue with Mr. Frisch on various points. Dr. Silver sought to avoid the defeat which he suffered but it is clear by this time that Dr. Silver's fortunes in Zionism are lower now than at any other time I can recall.

After Dr. Silver's talk, and the vote, which was unanimous, Louis Lipsky rose to defend his American Zionist Council, which Neumann and Silver had excoriated for inaction and ineptitude.

Mr. Lipsky rose to another of the high points of his career, but

those of us who have heard him when he was faced with really difficult and almost inextricable positions, are not surprised. He put the finishing touches to Dr. Silver and Neumann.

He said they were the two who had "dismantled" the former Zionist Emergency Council by withdrawing from it personally and taking along the ZOA. He then gave the coup de grace by pointing out that it was these two who, before the Jewish Agency executive, had threatened to resign to back their demand that all political action be placed exclusively in the hands of the Israeli Government. Mr. Lipsky said that they fought for days to win this point, the result of which was that the American Zionist Council could not by Zionist decision initiate political action, but could only follow instructions.

Well, that about finished it, except for Mr. Frisch's direct slap at Jacques Torczyner, when Mr. Frisch told Dr. Silver that had he not paid so much attention to inaccuracies in long distance conversations with one small stature and intelligence, he would have a better concept of what went on in the ZOA.

There are several other points. I am told that the Progressives at the meeting abstained from voting. The vote was unanimous.

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Portion of the Week

MISHPATIM

SABBATH Mishpatim rehearses the new civil legislation, which the Hebrews developed when they prepared themselves for a secular nationhood. The right of persons, servants, how to deal with personal losses, injuries, laws concerning murder, crimes against parents, kidnapping. Offenses against property, through neglect or through animal, theft, damage by fire; moral offenses, like seduction, polytheism, oppression of the weak, witchcraft; respect toward God and secular rulers, offerings of first fruits, unlawful meat; impartiality of justice, love of even the enemy, Sabbath legislation . . . all these are intended to regulate the life of the nation and its individual members on the basis of moral axioms. (Ex. XXI-XXIV). The Sabbath is also called Sabbath "Sh'colim" on account of the additional reading for this Sabbath (Ex. XXXI: 11-16). It was set aside to promote the free will offering for the Temple, which was also used as a means for counting the Hebrews. The prophetic portion, selected from II Kings 17-XXII 17, emphasizes through a historic event the renewal of the Covenant of the High Priest Jehoiada, that each member of the Community is under obligation to give his measure of support to the stability of the Tabernacle and the perpetuation of his religion.

—Rabbi Frank Rosenthal

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BUFFALO JEWISH CENTER SAYS NJP EDITORIAL TOTALLY UNFAIR

Editor, National Jewish Post: Your editorial of January 27th—"The Center Neglects Jewish Culture?"—came as a distinct shock as I considered the National Jewish Post a proponent of responsible journalism.

You state that only one Jewish activity was listed by our Center in its mid-winter schedule of adult activities in the Buffalo Jewish Review. From a mere list of titles of activities, you editorialize and condemn!

A responsible managing editor might have delved a little more deeply into the actual content of these activities before casting a slur first, and then, graciously inviting "some clarification from Buffalo."

We hope your editor doesn't make a practice of looking for Jewish content by perusing for titles with the word "Jewish". In Center work, we consider that practice as arid and mechanical a way of evaluating Jewish content as the counting of clay memorials in our craft shops.

Since this does seem to be your chief criterion, you might have familiarized yourself with other recent issues of the Buffalo Jewish Review. Then, you would have noticed that during the past four months, our Center has conducted such continuing adult courses as a symposium on "Israel Today," a lecture series on "Jewish Art Appreciation," a "Jewish Cultural Series" (co-sponsored with the Bureau of Jewish Education), a "Jewish Great Books Course," as well as the discussion group you mentioned: "Being Jewish—1950".

The Editor's Chair

(continued from preceding page) as reported in the papers for those who did vote, who of course included Dr. Silver, who seconded the action. This is the first time the Progressives have been heard from since their ignominious deal which brought them into the ZOA administration and aligned them with principles and actions they had fought so violently before.

Another point is the fact that the press was admitted to the session. This is a puzzler but it ties in with Mr. Frisch's insistence that his administration be democratic. At all meetings of the Administrative Council, everyone has had full opportunity for free expression and all decisions have been honestly taken.

Two other items. There was common agreement, even among Mr. Frisch's supporters, that he was far off base in his frequent grandiose public pronouncements, such as on democratizing the American Jewish community, spreading Hebrew and so on.

One item of considerable importance, in view of what happened: At the opening of the meeting Sunday morning, various reports were made. These reports were in direct opposition to what was commonly believed about membership and even finances.

For instance, membership has taken a spurt, is up to 100,000 and over the mark at this time last year. Then too, the ZOA has a surplus in cash. This too was good news and it deprived the opposition of ammunition.

What will Rabbi Silver do now? If he cannot count on the all-out support of the ZOA, then his chances of winning the presidency of the World Zionist Organization are about as good as

All of these titles include the word "Jewish" and, therefore, will probably satisfy your limited interpretation of "Jewish Culture". But how about the other adjective-less adult activities—the ones you seem to write off as devoid of Jewish culture? While it is true that there is no such thing as playing Jewish basketball, there are many creative Jewish values to be derived from a great majority of the other activities. These values are daily being demonstrated by our staff in their conscious efforts to stimulate our rich Jewish heritage and contemporary Jewish movements.

Let us look at some of these activities that seem to have eluded your "alert" editor. "Making the Most of the Middle Years", the World Since World War II", and "Inter-cultural Relationships in Buffalo", are three different discussion groups that were listed. In one case, the moderator in psychiatrist, in another, a history professor in a local university and in the third case, the Executive Director of our Regional B'nai Brith Anti-Defamation office. The composition of each of these three groups is totally Jewish and the moderators are all Jewish, selected not only because of their expertise in these fields, but because they have demonstrated their ability to relate subjects to specific Jewish needs and values. The same applies to our course in "Musical Appreciation" where the instructor, who directs a choir in one of our local temples, consciously relates his subject to Jewish Music as a

natural part of that program. At the monthly meeting of the Buffalo Zionist Organization of America last week, our Center Experimental Theater group presented a radio dramatization of the Eternal Light program on Justice Brandeis.

This Sunday afternoon, as I am writing this reply, a group of thirty parents, at their own request, are meeting in the Adult Lounge with the director of Adult Activities while waiting for their children's program to be dismissed. During the past seven weeks, these parents have organized their own program and have been discussing their children—their attempts to educate them Jewishly, their Chanukah celebrations, and their relationship to Christian children.

Are all of these programs growing out of expressed needs of our Jewish membership, devoid of Jewish culture?

Do we have to labor the point that Jewish people who come to Jewish Centers to share experiences together, can in the very process, create Jewish content?

Do we have to "clarify" the Center's basic principles of enriching group experiences, not merely by offering courses with Jewish titles—but by creatively introducing Jewish values into the rest of the informal educational, and social programs?

I suggest that your managing editor document future editorials on the Jewish Center movement with personal field trips in order to observe first hand its unique methods of creating and perpetuating Jewish culture and values.

HERMAN A. EIGEN
Executive Director

Buffalo, N. Y.

mine. And he won't be able to count on ZOA support, as long as Mr. Frisch holds the reins.

Does this mean the end of the influence of Dr. Silver in Zionism for the next few years, if not for longer? It does, except for one possibility. Dr. Silver still commands the support of the rank and file of the ZOA and could very possibly recapture the organization from the Frisch supporters. That means winning the next ZOA convention, set for this June in a midwest city.

But conventions—as both Dr. Silver and Daniel Frisch know—are not won by fiery speeches. The delegates are pledged, if not long in advance then at least secretly, and vote like delegates to the electoral college of the

United States.

No one could have conceived this turn of events just a year ago when Dr. Silver was the hero of American Zionism. It really is strange, and if I were a philosopher, I might be tempted to comment on this weird development.

MELVIN DUBINSKY of St. Louis was describing to a meeting of the Indiana United Jewish Appeal leaders in Indianapolis recently some campaign techniques. During his talk he discussed the need for advance planning.

"If you trust in God," Melvin said without thinking of what he was saying, "your meeting might be disastrous."

SUGGESTS SPRINGFIELD RABBI LOOK TO HIMSELF FIRST ON SERVICES

Editor, National Jewish Post:

Your news item, "Rabbi warns congregants he may cancel Friday Services because of poor attendance," certainly is thought stimulating.

Apparently, Rabbi Isaac Nadoff, of Springfield, Illinois, finds his congregants quite ill religiously, and by his remarks in effect says, you will have to get better (by yourselves) or else I shall put you out of your misery by spiritual euthanasia.

Rabbi Nadoff sharply criticizes his congregation with the shopworn, cliché, "canasta and bridge," and acts as if its religious apathy were a fatal illness.

I am a member of a Conservative Synagogue, and I know that the illness is not a fatal one, in that there is a remedy, but the doctor cannot treat the patient empirically.

Before making the proper diag-

nosis and analysis of his patient, he must indulge in self diagnosis and self analysis and ask himself, "Is my patient losing faith in me?" "Have I made the proper diagnosis?" "Am I using every modern religious approach to effect a cure?" "Perhaps I am using an old-fashioned shot-gun hit or miss prescription to effect a cure, instead of a specific treatment for a specific illness."

If I were a rabbi, instead of absence from services being "a mockery of anything that is holy in Judaism," it would be a challenge to my trust, that I would gladly accept, battle, and overcome.

In the last analysis, Judaism will never meet a weaker foe than Canasta.

B. F. BORNSTEIN, M.D.

Boston,

CAN'T FIND EVIDENCE THAT COUNCIL WON'T QUIT USING GENERAL PRESS

Editor, National Jewish Post: How do the following four items add up?

1. Three column front page headline in the National Jewish Post of January 27, 1950, "Council Rips NCRAC Blast; Won't Quit General Press".

2. Nowhere in the full Council statement (enclosed herewith) or in the parts printed in the Post is there the slightest reference to the Council's intention either to use the general press or not to use it in the future.

3. Excerpt from editorial in the National Jewish Post of February 3, 1950, "—to which the Council has been feeding its lies—"

4. Who is feeding lies to whom about whom now?

Robert S. Nyburg

Baltimore

Ed. Note: If Reader Nyburg is a Council member, he should surely know—as The Post has learned to know—what the marvelously contrived phraseology of the Council means in specific situations. We can assure Reader Nyburg that the phrase in the full Council statement that the Council "will meet the challenge of Jewish nationalism in the spirit of democracy, with open discussion and free debate" means just what The POST story said it meant. Reader Nyburg will be interested to know that in an exchange of letters with a Council official on the reply to the NCRAC the official's only complaint (other than that The POST had not devoted more space to its story on the Council reply) was that The POST did not print the text of the statement. BG

READER HOLDS ALL SECTS HELPING TO DESTROY FUTURE OF JUDAISM

Editor, National Jewish Post:

The article "Conservative Rabbinate Seen Given Green Light to Experiment," is, in my opinion, a misnomer; the proper heading should have been "The Rise and Fall of Conservative Judaism," whatever that means.

Why should the rabbi be given the "green light" now to experiment when that has been the practice all along? There are Conservative congregations which still seat men and women separately while others have had mixed pews for many years. Some have mixed choirs and organs that are played even on the Sabbath while others, also Conservative, permit neither...

As far back as 1923, Maurice Samuel, in his famous book, "You Gentiles," said then that Conservative Judaism is neither here nor there; it is not Reform, and not Orthodox. In other words, it is floundering like a ship on the high seas, torn from its moorings, without a competent captain to steer it safely to port...

A few years ago one of the world's greatest scholars, Gedalia Bublik, of sainted memory, said of the new Reconstructionists' Prayer Book, "those Jews who are interested and want to pray are satisfied with the old Prayer Book and those who do not pray have no need for even a new Prayer Book." The same is also true of amputating the Second Day of our glorious festivals—those who profess a religious faith have no objection to two days while those who want to abbreviate the Festivals don't even observe the one day properly...

To my own sorrow, Conservative rabbis are today not alone in compromising their heritage, since Orthodox rabbis are also bending over backwards to meet the demands of the so-called youth to modernize, liberalize, and water down those pillars of our religion which have been the source of our existence for 2,000 years.

To close, I only wish to repeat a statement made recently by an American rabbi who stated that the responsibility for the

Chaos that exists in American Jewish Religious life today can be placed on the doorstep of the rabbis. ...

HARRY SIMON

Louisville

Rabbi Prinz Not From Reform

Editor, National Jewish Post:

In writing you, I am referring to your issue of January 27th, 1950, in which you reported on a sermon that was preached by Dr. Joachim Prinz, of Temple B'nai Abraham.

As a member of the Congregation, I would like to inform you, that Rabbi Prinz is not a Reformed Rabbi, but is a Conservative Rabbi, and Temple B'nai Abraham is a Conservative Temple.

Furthermore, one of your by-lines which stated, "Reform Must Have Courage", I feel, refers to the Congregation as a Reformed Congregation.

The word, "Liberal" as used by Dr. Prinz, is an adjective, and not a noun, and it did not refer to that Congregation as adhering to the principles of Reformed Judaism.

I trust the above information will clarify the essence of your article, and I feel that its presentation was not accurate.

B. MORTON GITTLIN

Newark

Belgian Government Pays Rabbis Salaries

BRUSSELS—Among the clergymen being paid by the Belgian Government are 17 rabbis serving 10 Jewish communities in Belgium, it was revealed this week.

The ten communities are officially recognized by the Government, which pays the salaries of the spiritual leaders.

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The World Of Books

TWO NEW VOLUMES DEAL WITH PHASES OF KABBALISM IMPACT

THE RELIGIOUS PHILOSOPHY OF THE MAHARAL OF PRAGUE, By Rabbi Aaron Mauskopf, Hammer Publishing Co., Brooklyn, 108 pages, no price listed. ZOHAR: THE BOOK OF SPLENDOR, selected and edited by Gershom C. Scholem, Schocken Library, No. 19, 125 pages, \$1.50. THEODORE HERZL: THE JEW AND THE MAN, By Oscar Benjamin Frankl, Storm Publishers, N.Y., 190 pages, \$2.50.

By WARD MOORE

RABBI Judah Loewe Ben Bezael was head of the rabbinical court of Prague in the 16th century, when that city was a spiritual and cultural center of Jewry. Rabbi Loewe, known as the Maharal of Prague, is chiefly known to us as a Kabbalist and the legendary creator of the golem, but it is not this aspect of the great theologian, philosopher, educator and Talmudic commentator which is the subject of Rabbi Mauskopf's analysis.

Dividing his work into three parts, Philosophy of Torah, Philosophy of Ethics, and Philosophy of History, Dr. Mauskopf has systematized the substance of Rabbi Loewe's thought by the method of carefully documenting the pronouncement's of the Maharal's great predecessors, notably Maimonides, Saadyah Gaon, Halevi, Babyah, Cracas and others on some particular aspect of Judaism, reserving Rabbi Loewe's conclusions for the end as a sort of coda or even synthesis — which they frequently were.

In spite of the author's reluctance to deal with Kabbalism, there seems to be much evidence in Dr. Mauskopf's book of the strong influence of Kabbalistic thought in Rabbi Loewe's conclusions. The mystical and even esoteric aspects of his philosophy are manifest in his approach to the problems of the nature of God, the attributes of the soul and other abstract speculations. While Rabbi Loewe frequently embraced the rational doctrines of Maimonides dealing with conduct, he was often in opposition in theological speculation, again betraying the Kabbalistic strain.

THE CENTRAL DOCUMENT of Kabbalah was the "Book of Splendor," the Zohar, excerpts from which are now published by Schocken Books. As the editor expressly says in his introduction, "... no selection can assume the task of portraying the mystical doctrine of the Zohar. ... What I have therefore attempted

to present ... is a sequence of passages which might be expected to arouse an immediate interest in the reader: by the colorfulness with which the life of the soul is pictured, by the curious poignancy of scriptural exegesis, by the outright paradoxicality of the thoughts asserted."

Superficially, the Zohar is a discursive commentary on the Torah, ostensibly from the Second Century of the Common Era, but actually composed—at least in large part—by Moses de Leon, who died in 1305. Beneath this collection of fragments is an interpretation of some aspects of theology which is at once mystical and joyous, in direct contrast to the reasoned and occasionally straitlaced system of Maimonides — though the Zohar by its very nature erects no system, but seeks rather to glimpse the esoteric through hints, allegories and homilies.

WHILE IT MAY startle the more pedestrian mind to come suddenly upon the statement that the mist mentioned in the second chapter of Genesis as arising from the earth "is the yearning of the female for the male," it is interesting to recall that the alchemists—who were often students of Kabbalah—were obsessed by the idea of male and female throughout all nature, in the inorganic as well as the organic, and believed that perfection could come about only through their union. To the modern reader one of the most pertinent parts of the Zohar is the discussion of man's sexual duty to his wife. The mystic significance attributed to the relationship is predicated of course on this kabbalistic and alchemical doctrine; nevertheless it is in thorough agreement with the teachings of contemporary psychology and psychiatry.

I was happy to see an acknowledgement in the Schocken edition of the Zohar of the special assistance rendered in its preparation by my old friend (the ad-

Romania Jewish Reds Reject JDC Matzo

Jewish World News Service

BUCHAREST—The Communist controlled Romanian Democratic Jewish Committee has decided against accepting any Passover Matzo presents from the "fascist reactionary" Joint Distribution Committee, it was reported this week.

The decision was reached after Communist agreement that it was a shame for Romanian Jews to accept gifts from the American JDC.

solely) Sherry Abel, of whom I had not heard for many years. I hope to see her name again in —on preferably on—many other books.

FRANKL'S book is subtitled "A Portrait." This slender volume suffers from nearly every fault a biography is heir to. Understandably moved by personal admiration, Dr. Frankl who was for a while Herzl's private secretary, has thought it unnecessary to draw from any sources other than his own emotions. The result is not a portrait but a eulogy.

A critical and comprehensive life of Herzl would be an extremely valuable work. Such a biography would dwell at great length on the shattering revelation which changed Herzl from a Viennese journalist into a great historical figure. The haphazard pictures of Herzl at work after this revelation which Dr. Frankl offers are no substitute. The "portrait" has no depth because it has no motivations; we are given the "what" when all our interest lies in the "why."

Israel Wins Pact On Frozen Sterling

LONDON — A new agreement reached at the end of two weeks of negotiation this week will permit Israel will be able to draw about \$25,200,000 this year from her blocked sterling balances in London.

In addition, the sum of about \$12,000,000 will be unfrozen as a working balance.

Israeli negotiators were understood to be satisfied with the results, in view of the fact that the blocked sterling in Israel's account totals about 23 million pounds.

Most of the money will be spent by Israel in the sterling area for materials, machinery and food. The new agreement runs to Dec. 31.

Force Ouster of Greek Jewish Envoy

ATHENS—Persistent right wing pressure has forced the resignation of Joseph Mallah as Greece's diplomatic envoy to Israel.

Mallah, a Jew, has been consistently criticized by the Athens press particularly by Conservative newspapers. Constantine Panayotakos, a Greek foreign office official, was named to replace Mallah.

Dozen Traditional Drives Banned

Jewish Agency Committee Named Final Voice In Local Fund Fights

NEW YORK—The authorization announced recently by the Jewish Agency for 10 U.S. organizations to conduct fund-raising campaigns for Israel this year makes the Agency final authority in disputes arising between the organizations and the United Jewish Appeal, it was disclosed this week.

Fresh details were disclosed on the recent announcement by the Agency Committee on Control and Authorization of campaigns, the first formal attempt to ban wildcat fund raising for Israel in the United States (NJP, Jan. 20:)

The agencies granted authorization were Hadassah, the Histadrut, Jewish National Fund, Pioneer Women, Mizrahi Women, American Fund for Israel Institutions, American Red Mogen Dovid (for memberships only), Federation Council of Palestine Institutions, Material for Israel, and the Women's League for Israel, in New York area only.

HOW IT'S DONE

The understanding provides that all complaints by the UJA of possible interference by any of the authorized groups will be referred to the Agency committee, which will call a conference and then give its ruling.

Audited reports on income and expenses are to be submitted to the Jewish Agency four times a year and each organization must submit monthly reports on sending of funds to Israel, reporting on how the money was sent.

Each fund-raising group is also required to submit to the Agency by Nov. 1 a detailed and itemized budget for 1951.

In the event any of the provisions of the agreement are violated, the Jewish Agency has the power to publicly withdraw its authorization, it was understood.

Specific limitations on each organization, in addition to those disclosed by the Agency in announcing the agreement, also were revealed.

Activities of Pioneer Women in 1950 will be limited to existing projects. The agreement bars the Labor Zionist Women from starting a new project for Israel without the consent in advance of the Agency.

The American Fund for Israel Institutions was authorized to campaign for a goal of \$1,884,400 on behalf of 89 Israel institutions but none of the beneficiaries may conduct separate drives.

RECOGNIZE UJA

For the New York area, the American Fund must recognize the priority of the UJA drive from Feb. 1 to Oct. 1. The organization may conduct drives during that period only after first consulting with the Jewish Agency in advance.

Material for Israel was specifically barred from seeking to raise funds or from launching mass campaigns for gifts in kind.

Solicitors for Materials for Israel must ask manufacturers and distributors whether they have made their contributions to the UJA and must emphasize that contributions to Material for Israel are not a substitute for contributions to the UJA.

Under terms of the agreement, all contributors must be informed that gifts to Materials for Israel are not deductible for income tax purposes.

The Women's League for Israel was barred from making application for allocations to any Welfare Fund outside of New York.

The Agency earlier had reached an agreement to provide funds to the Agudath Israel World Organization, a group of ultra-Orthodox Jews, and with the World Union of Poalei Agudath Israel, its labor branch. Each will re-

ceive an allocation from the Agency for Orthodox projects in Israel.

It was understood that such grants will be over and above the normal aid rendered by the Agency to individuals affiliated with the Agudath movements as part of the Agency's general immigration and colonization program.

In return for the grants, the two groups have agreed to launch no separate campaigns for Israel and to aid the UJA.

Thirteen organizations directly or indirectly affiliated with the two ultra-Orthodox groups, which have conducted fund-raising for Israel in the past, are bound not to conduct any hereafter.

Here's the List

The affected groups are Agudath Israel Youth Council, American Committee for Poalim, American Committee for Rescued Children's Villages, American Religious Palestine Fund, Food for Israel, Homes for Children in Israel, Israel Religious Educational Foundation, Israel Rehabilitation Fund, Israeli Service Centers, Poalim, Inc., Save-A-Child Foundation, any women's affiliates of Agudath Israel and the Women's division of Poalim.

It was also disclosed that the Zionist Organization of America had agreed not to collect food or clothing for Israel, as part of the agreement under which the General Zionist Constructive Fund will receive \$1,100,000 in 1950 for special projects in Israel, including those sponsored by the ZOA.

NO ZOA APPEALS

The ZOA also has agreed to make no public appeal for medicine or medical equipment. However, contributions of that sort can be accepted from ZOA members through the ZOA Equipment Project.

It was learned that the perennial difficulties of dealing with the Revisionists over their campaigns had not been resolved in discussions in New York and the matter had been handed over to the plenary session of the Jewish Agency executive, recently concluded in Jerusalem. No details were available on what action had been taken on the issue by the plenary session.

It was learned that a substantial number of small campaigns were denied Agency authorization.

STOP THEM COLD

Seven landsmanschaften which were preparing to launch drives in New York cancelled them after the Jewish Agency worked out an agreement under which those organizations will work with the UJA of Greater New York, on the basis of special projects for which they will get credit in Israel.

Two agencies, which had been getting allocations from some welfare funds were denied authorization entirely. One was the American Committee for the Relief of Yemenite Jews. Approval was denied on the grounds that Yemenite Jews are getting care from the Joint Distribution Committee and that the Jewish Agency is making special provisions to help them.

The Palestine Symphonic Choir was denied authorization on the ground that it has not been operating in recent years.

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The Sports Whirl

JACK DEMPSEY HAS JEWISH ANCESTOR, FLEISCHER CLAIMS

By HAROLD U. RIBALOW

THERE are countless minor items of Jewish interest in sports which do not warrant extensive description, but belong in a column devoted to information on Jews in sports. Some of these matters are really remarkable; others are mere curiosities, but in any event, all have some reason for appearing here—so without further explanations, I offer them to you:

According to Nat Fleischer's biography of Jack Dempsey (Bantam, 25c), the great heavyweight "has Jewish blood in him." Fleischer claims that Dempsey's "great-great-grandfather was one of the Virginia pioneers. He was a Jewish pack peddler, Abraham Levy by name, whose grandfather, Isaak, was a thriving pack peddler in Virginia in 1761."

Sid Gordon, the only Jewish major league star of current times (meaning 1950) has signed a contract with the Boston Braves which calls for more than the \$25,000 he drew last year with the Giants as a "utility player." At least that is how he was termed when the Giants traded him to Boston.

Joe Ginsberg, rookie catcher for the Detroit Tigers, and a boy who is expected to be a star, has signed with the Tigers, parent club of Hank Greenberg in his palmy days.

Frank Scott, road secretary for the New York Yankees, and a guy who has seen athletes of all kinds in his lifetime, was asked to pick the six best competitors in baseball and football that he has ever seen. He chose Marshall Goldberg, former Pitt and Chicago Cardinal footballer, as one of the three top gridiron competitors of his time.

Ed Levy, the Irishman with the Jewish name, who was followed and admired by Jewish sports fans about a decade ago, has been named manager of the Sanford Giants in the Florida State League. How the near-mighty have fallen!

REMEMBER when basketball was called "the Jewish game" because of the large number of Jewish hoop stars? Well, Jimmy Powers, sports editor of the N.Y. DAILY NEWS has chosen the five best players of the year—and not one of them Jewish! And he is right, too. Bob Cousy, Sherman White, Charley Share, Al McGuire and Paul Unruh, are fine players who deserve top mention. In the same column Powers writes of the great LIU teams of the past and mentions such players as Danny Kaplowitz, Les Rothman and Leo Merson—all Jewish hoopsters, and good ones.

In pro basketball the Syracuse Nationals have done amazingly well—and the star of this team is Dolph Schayes, former NYU star. He is one of the loop's top scorers, which is a far cry from the days he was booed by his own school mates when, at the age of 18 and 19, he was sometimes outplayed by slicker centers.

THE SILLY SEASON is with us when awards are handed out for such important jobs as "referee of the year." Who goes to a fight to see the ref? Yet Ruby Goldstein, who always does a fine job, has been chosen "Referee of the Year" by the Boxing Writers Association.

Once upon a time a girl tennis player was judged on the kind of tennis she displayed. Now she is popular—or unpopular—on the basis of the tennis shorts she displays. Gussie "The Body" Moran, not much of a tennis player, but a good-looking girl, has taken her strokes—and her shorts—on tour to Israel.

LEW BURTON of the N.Y. JOURNAL-AMERICAN has run a fascinating series on great fights of the past. In retelling the story of the Benny Leonard-Johnny Kilbane battle (which Benny won of course), there is an insight into the kind of people both men were. When the two men met near the dressing rooms before the fight, "Kilbane looked at the red, white and blue sash around Leonard's waist, and in a low voice he whispered something that cut to the quick.

"In three rounds Benny ruined Kilbane, who had never been knocked out previously. 'But what had Kilbane said that made Leonard so resolute?' Burton tells it this way: 'Back in the dressing room, Benny told his brother and it travelled fast over the grapevine. Johnny with a slight beckon of the head, indicated the American sash.

"You dirty blank son of a something," said Kilbane. 'What right have you got to wear the American flag?'

"There were denials of this. Years later I asked Benny if it were true. That was after he had served in two world wars.

"Why bring it up again?"

Israel Has Shortage Of Young Women

NEW YORK — There is a shortage of 15,000 to 20,000 women of marriageable age in Israel, it was reported this week.

Statistics compiled by Dr. Benjamin Gil for the Jewish Agency showed there were at least that many more men aged 15 to 34 than women, according to the current Israel Newsletter.

Noted Zionist, Hebraist Dies

NEW YORK — (NJP) — The Zionist and Hebrew world this week mourned the death at 81 of Israel Matz, Zionist pioneer and builder of Hebrew as a living language.

President of Ex-Lax, Inc., Matz, a descendant of scholars, writers and rabbis, had a deep interest in Jewish communal and educational life and was a heavy contributor to Jewish causes, notably as a sponsor of Brandeis University.

In 1925 he established the Israel Matz Foundation to aid Hebrew writers and scholars in the United States and other nations, contributing \$400,000 for that goal.

He was publisher of "Hatoren," a Hebrew periodical and honorary chairman of "Bitzaron," a Hebrew monthly. He was active in more than a dozen Zionist, educational and welfare Jewish organizations.

Federal Ban On Biased Realty Starts

WASHINGTON—The federal ban on racial or religious restrictions on sale or rental of homes financed by Government-insured agencies went into effect this week.

After midnight Tuesday, Federal Housing Administration mortgage insurance ceased to be available on property covered by written covenants restricting ownership on the basis of race, color or creed.

Similar restrictions took effect Thursday on mortgages insured by the Veterans Administration.

Zionist Congress Now Set For Dec. 20

NEW YORK — Postponement of the 23rd World Zionist Congress, originally set for this summer, to Dec. 20, has brought an extension of the deadline for the current Shekel registration campaign in the United States, it was announced this week.

Charles Riss, chairman of the U. S. Central and Election Board, said that the drive has been extended to June 1. The original date for closing the drive was Feb. 15.

Dorfman Beaten In Canada Tourney

MONTREAL—Irvin Dorfman, twelfth-rated United States tennis player, was beaten this week in the semi-finals of the Regiment de Chateauguay indoor net tournament.

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N. Y. State Rejects Demand For Hearing On Knickerbocker

National Jewish Post

NEW YORK—The plea of foes of Prof. William E. Knickerbocker for formal charges against him on grounds of anti-Semitic bias was rejected this week by Francis Spaulding, N. Y. State Education Commissioner.

The four-year fight against the City College of New York teacher was carried to state officials by the American Jewish Congress, U. S. Jewish civic defense agency; the Hillel Foundation of uptown CCNY, and two teachers Dr. Pedro Bah-y-Rita and Dr. Elliot H. Pollinger.

Spaulding also refused to direct the New York City Board of Higher Education to restore names of the two teachers to the promotion list.

The original complaint developed April 9, 1945, when four members of the CCNY Department of Romance Languages, which Knickerbocker heads, sent a letter to Dr. Harry N. Wright, CCNY president, to be sent to the Board of Higher Education.

In the letter the four members charged that foes of Knickerbocker "have for at least seven years been subjected to continual harassment and what looks very much like discrimination."

Eight months later, the Board of Higher Education unanimously adopted a report of a special committee rejecting the charge of the four teachers.

Later the American Jewish Committee and the Hillel Foundation asked the N.Y. city council special committee to investigate the charges. After lengthy hearings, the special committee recommended that Knickerbocker be asked to apply for retirement and that he be relieved of his duties if he refused to do so.

The committee also recommended that the names of the two teachers be restored to the promotion list.

The Board of Higher Education then opened a new study of the case but decided that there was "no proper reason" for a new investigation.

Last spring, a series of student strikes and demonstrations developed at CCNY, with one case of picketing ending in the arrest of more than a dozen students, none of whom were jailed.

The fight was then carried to Spaulding, who this week issued his statement refusing to order the N.Y. Board of Higher Education to open a full-scale public hearing.

Dr. Spaulding said that "the matter of unprofessional conduct on the part of Prof. Knickerbocker was explicitly considered and the board determined that the bringing of special charges in the matter was not warranted."

He said that the record indicated that the board exercised its

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responsibility "in this respect with a high degree of conscientious thoughtfulness and impartiality."

"The decision as to whether to bring charges against a member of the staff upon complaints presented to it is one which is discretionary with the Board of Higher Education," Spaulding said.

"It should be noted that the board committee explicitly stated that it had found some evidence of 'loose talk.' It should be noted further that the committee condemned such talk as 'not worthy of scholars.' In other words the committee definitely stated that it had found evidence of conduct unbecoming members of the faculty."

Dr. Ordway Tead, chairman of the Board of Higher Education, hailed the statement.

"The board made painstaking and exhaustive investigations into the allegation of anti-Semitism procedures in the Department of Romance Languages at City College," he said. "Its findings that the evidence did not support the allegations has now been confirmed by Commissioner Spaulding."

Harpers Publishes Major Work on Jews

NEW YORK—(NJP)—Harper and Bros. announced publication this week of a two volume study, "The Jews: Their History, Culture and Religion," edited by Dr. Louis Finkelstein, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary.

The work includes chapters by 34 scholars from the Hebrew University, the Hebrew Union College, reform Seminary, the JTS and other institutions.

Fears Loss Of French Jewry

PARIS—The low state of Jewish education for French Jewish children threatens the loss of a whole generation of Jews to Judaism, a young French rabbi said last week.

Rabbi Simon Schwarzfuchs told the Paris correspondent of the Jewish Chronicle of London that only ten per cent of France's 30,000 Jewish children receive any kind of a Jewish education.

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Fleishaker Questions JWB Stand Sabbath Ideal Always Followed

National Jewish Post

ROCK ISLAND, Ill.—Rabbi Oscar Fleishaker this week politely but firmly questioned a National Welfare Board (JWB) statement that the National Association of Jewish Center Workers, which scheduled a business session Friday night for a meeting, was "an organization of individuals which is entirely independent, and is separate and distinct from the National Jewish Welfare Board."

The statement was made by JWB Chairman Frank Weil in reply to a letter by Rabbi Fleishaker, in which he rejected an invitation to attend a meeting of the center workers group slated for last weekend in Chicago because its schedule violated the Sabbath.

MEETING DATE SWITCH
Rabbi Fleishaker told The POST that the meeting had been changed to avoid desecration of the Sabbath.

In his rejection of the invitation from the center workers, the Rock Island rabbi also criticized the JWB for the "sabbath-violation" program of the center workers group.

In a letter to Rabbi Fleishaker, Weil said that the Jewish Center Workers had full power to determine its own policies and program and was not responsible to the JWB for its actions.

The JWB official called "inexcusable" the rabbi's action "in sending copies of your letter to individuals, groups and sources of public information, implying JWB approval of an act by an independent body."

LONG-TIME POLICY

He said that the JWB had a long established policy by which all meetings conducted under its sponsorship "are carried out in a manner consistent with observance of the Sabbath."

Weil asked the rabbi to write to all the groups and individuals "to whom you addressed your original letter, correcting the misinformation and misinterpretation which you embodied in your communication."

In reply, Rabbi Fleishaker submitted a letterhead of the National Association of Jewish Center Workers, including a line "affiliated with the National Jewish Welfare Board." The letterhead listed the office address and telephone number of the New York JWB.

The Rock Island rabbi, who is executive director of the Tri-Cities Jewish Center here, said that a return card from the Chicago office of the Jewish Workers group is addressed to the office number of the Chicago JWB.

DOES HE KNOW?

In his reply to Weil, Rabbi Fleishaker said he was assuming that Weil was "unaware of the consistent and continued policy of JWB offices, committees, meet-

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First Israel Jew Convicted For Killing

JERUSALEM, — (WNS) —

For the first time since the rise of Israel a Jew has been convicted of a capital crime. He is Hoshuah Danokh, a Yemenite butcher who was found guilty of murdering his competitor. The court which convicted him at Tel Aviv recommended that President Weizmann commute his sentence to life imprisonment on the ground that he is the father of thirteen children.

His offices are in the JWB building in Chicago and that its meeting is being planned with the full resources of the JWB and its personnel.

WHO IS IN?

"If you will likewise exclude the midwest office of the JWB, its various regional meetings, its athletic meetings and almost every activity during the past four or five years with the same unawareness of the existence of the Sabbath, then I will be most happy to make an apology such as you request, but I must likewise ask, what is, and where is the JWB?"

SENTENCING IN L.A. ARMS CASE SCHEDULED FOR THIS WEEKEND

National Jewish Post

LOS ANGELES—Judge Isaac Pacht, chief of the defense staff for defendants in the first trial of American citizens on charges of smuggling arms to Israel, told The Post this week that three defendants had been acquitted in the verdict returned last week by a trial jury.

Sentencing of the three persons and the corporation convicted by the jury was scheduled for this weekend.

Tracing the story of the trial, Pacht said that a Los Angeles federal grand jury last spring indicted Adolph Schwimmer, Herman Greenspun, Leo Gardner, Sam Lewis, Abe Levin, J. Leonard, Ray Selk, William Sosnow and Service Airways Corp.

The counts included one of conspiracy to export planes to Israel without obtaining a U.S. State Department license, and a second count of violating the export control law.

Both counts were dismissed against Leonard when the trial started last October. Later the second count was dismissed against the remaining defendants. During the presentation of the Government's case, the defense won dismissal of the case against Levin.

Last week, the trial jury acquitted Greenspun, Lewis and Sosnow and convicted Schwimmer, Selk, Gardner and the airways corporation.

The jury unanimously recommended leniency to Federal Judge Pierson Hall, the jurist promised serious consideration for the recommendation.

Orthodox Boycott Israel Cabinet

JERUSALEM—A group of Orthodox representatives in the Israeli Cabinet boycotted a cabinet meeting last week and announced they planned to stay away until the Government guaranteed religious education for all Orthodox children in the transit camps.

The new strategy of the Religious Bloc is a bid for control over the education of immigrants from Moslem countries, most of whom are Orthodox Jews.

The new move came against the announced plans of the Government to send an investigating committee to probe Orthodox charges that Labor representatives were pressuring parents to send the children to secular schools.

World Aid Urged For Dutch Jews Fighting Conversion Of Orphans

LONDON—A heartfelt appeal was issued this week to world Jewry to support Dutch Jews in their losing struggle to halt the conversion to Christianity of Jewish children in Holland left orphans by the Hitler holocaust.

The appeal was issued by Dayan I. Grunfeld of England in behalf of the Commission on the Status of Jewish War Orphans in a report to the Jewish CHRONICLE of London.

Dr. Grunfeld said that despite widespread protests of European Jewry, Jewish orphans were being steadily converted by Dutch welfare commissions "in the gravest attack on the Jews' right to religious and spiritual self-expression since the days of the Spanish Inquisition."

DUTCH JEWS ADMIT DEFEAT

He said that a meeting was held last month in Amsterdam, attended by the main organizations of Dutch Jewry. At the meeting, the Dutch Jews conceded defeat and, for the first time, asked for outside intervention in their fight.

Dr. Grunfeld, sketching the history of the battle, said that an official Dutch War Orphans Commission, called the OPK, had been providing for Jewish war orphans in Holland.

"That commission has so openly acted as a missionary agent for Calvinism and Catholicism among Jewish orphans that Dutch Jews have found it necessary to protest openly to the Minister of Justice," Dr. Grunfeld said.

When protests by the Jewish minority on the OPK proved futile, the Jewish members resigned. They charged that in almost all decisions, the commission ruled that the orphans should stay permanently with their non-Jewish foster parents and be raised as Christians.

A few months before the Amsterdam meeting, a public protest meeting was called by Dutch Jewish organizations, which was attended by 2,000 persons. A resolution was approved demanding that the decision on the future of the Jewish orphans should be left to a Jewish organization. The resolution was ignored by the Dutch Ministry of Justice.

Following lengthy debate in the Dutch Parliament, a law was passed last Aug. 12, turning the orphans over to a Guardianship Council in Amsterdam, on which no Jews were represented.

"The few sessions of the Guardianship Council show that it displays the same conversionist attitude as its predecessor," Dr. Grunfeld told the British Jewish weekly.

He said that the Safardi Chief Rabbi, Rodrigues Pereria, specifically reminded the Dutch Government that Spanish Jews had fled centuries ago to Holland "in order to safeguard their religious freedom, and now their orphans were alienated by a state-sponsored body from Judaism in the very land that had once given them asylum and which was famed for its religious toleration."

"The Dutch Jewish representative organizations empowered the Commission on the Status of Jewish War Orphans to do their utmost to bring this awful state of affairs to the knowledge of wider circles and to appeal to the conscience of civilized mankind," the British spiritual leader said.

"It is imperative that world Jewry comes to the aid of our Dutch brethren and helps them to rectify the terrible wrong perpetrated on helpless Jewish children," he said.

British Jew Again World Pingpong King

BUDAPEST—Richard Bergman of England won his fourth singles table tennis championship last week when he beat F. Soos of Hungary in the finals of the 1950 tourney here.

The Jewish star came from behind to win after defeating F. Sido of Hungary in the semi-final. The victory keeps the title in England for another year.

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